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## Torres slams House Majority over 'irresponsible, illegal' budget bill

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Torres

**G**ov. Ralph DLG Torres slammed Friday the Democrats-controlled House of Representatives Majority leadership over their version of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget bill that he described as "irresponsible, negligent, and illegal," by first reducing the funding for the Carolinian Affairs Office and other programs from departments and agencies, yet giving themselves

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» **Atalig says a lot of requested documents will be submitted by today's deadline**

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Department of Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said Friday that the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee's issuance of a subpoena to compel Finance to provide numerous reports or documents that the committee members

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AP

King Charles III greets members of the public outside Clarence House in London after he was formally proclaimed monarch by the Privy Council, Saturday Sept. 10, 2022.

## Charles is proclaimed king; sons unite to thank the public

By **JILL LAWLESS, DANICA KIRKA and SYLVIA HUI** Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)**—King Charles III was formally proclaimed sovereign

of the United Kingdom on Saturday, as officials unveiled details of the meticulously choreographed ceremonies that will culminate in

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## CHCC implants first internal heart monitors

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. surgery team poses with the first internal heart monitors used in the CNMI.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. recently implanted the first internal heart monitors in the CNMI.

The CHCC surgery team successfully implanted six implantable loop

recorders, a heart monitoring system that records heart rhythm.

"This is a brand-new capability for us here in the CNMI," said Dr. David Grauman, chairman of the

Adult Outpatient Department. "The implantable loop recorders give vital information for patients with unexplained fainting, strokes, or abnormal

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Prince William and wife Kate made a surprise joint appearance with Prince Harry and wife Meghan on Saturday.

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# Local

## 'Get vaccinated against flu this season'

As the CNMI enters flu season, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. urges all CNMI residents 6 months and older to get their annual flu vaccine for the 2022-23 season, especially people at higher risk such as pregnant women, children, elderly, and individuals with underlying conditions.

Influenza (flu) is a potentially serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death in rare cases. Every flu season is different, and flu affects people differently. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones

from flu.

Flu vaccines are safe. Hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received flu vaccines over the past 50 years, and there has been extensive research supporting the safety of flu vaccines. Common side effects from the flu shot include soreness, redness, and/or swelling from the shot; headache, fever, nausea, and muscle aches.

Request a flu shot during a clinic visit at the following medical providers:

■ CHCC Children's Clinic, Women's Clinic, Family Care Clinic, call (670) 234-8951

■ Medical Associates of the

Pacific, call (670) 323-9000

■ Marianas Medical Center, call (670) 234-3926

■ Kagman Isla Community Health Center, call (670) 256-5242

■ Tinian Health Center, call (670) 433-9233

■ Tinian Isla Health Center, call (670) 433-4750

■ Rota Health Center, call (670) 532-9461

Flu shots are also available by walk-ins to the CHCC Immunization Clinic, located at the lower level of the CHCC. Community members can call (670) 236-8745 for more information regarding vaccinations available at the CHCC

Immunization Clinic.

All pregnant women should get a flu shot, regardless of their trimester of pregnancy. Getting vaccinated during pregnancy also can help protect a baby from flu during the first several months after birth (the pregnant parent passes antibodies on to the developing baby during pregnancy).

Each season, the seasonal flu vaccine is updated to better match the flu viruses that are expected to be most common during that flu season. Flu season typically starts in September of one year and ends the following spring, usually around late March. If you have

gotten the flu shot before June 2022, you need another flu shot for this new flu season.

Other preventative steps to stop the spread of flu include:

■ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

■ If you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

■ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

■ Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

■ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to help stop the spread of germs.

■ Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause flu.

People with severe, life-threatening allergies to any ingredient in a flu vaccine (other than egg proteins) should not get that vaccine. This might include gelatin, antibiotics, or other ingredients. People who have had a severe allergic reaction to a dose of influenza vaccine should not get that flu vaccine again and might not be able to receive other influenza vaccines. If you have had a severe allergic reaction to an influenza vaccine in the past, it is important to talk with your health care provider to help determine

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## COMPLAINTS AGAINST PROPST

### House Minority: When will Ethics Committee hold next meeting?

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The House of Representatives minority members are wondering as to when the Official Conduct and Ethics Committee is going to meet regarding the two complaints filed against Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan).

Rep. Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) said Thursday that he and other members of the House minority are just waiting for Official

» **Ethics Committee's last meeting was Feb. 17, 2022**

» **Ethics Committee's gag rules prevent members to comment**

Conduct and Ethics Committee chairman Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) to call for a meeting.

Guerrero refused to elaborate due to the Ethics Committee's rules that only allow Manglona to speak to the media about the complaints.

As of press time, *Saipan*

*Tribune* was still waiting for comments from Manglona, who also chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.

A lawmaker, who requested anonymity, highly recommended to members of the community to write to chairman Manglona to voice their concerns.

The lawmaker said it is questionable whether Manglona has any intention to move forward with these two complaints.

Minority leader Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) also refused to comment because of the Committee's gag rules.

Since last month, some lawmakers have been asking when the Ethics Committee will hold their next meeting considering that the Nov. 8 general election is approaching.

Propst is seeking re-election for a House Precinct 1 seat. Manglona is running for senator, representing Rota.

The Ethics Committee held their last meeting on Feb. 17, 2022, in which the Committee decided to move forward with the complaints against Propst.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres then stated he found it troubling that the House Official

Conduct and Ethics Committee did not stream live its meeting when they tackled the complaint against Propst.

Torres said the Democrat lawmakers always talk about transparency and that they have nothing to hide, yet the meeting was not streamed live, which makes him wonder why. He said the Ethics Committee should look into the complaints seriously.

At the Feb. 17 meeting the Ethics Committee had agreed to get more information on one of the complaints



Propst



Manglona



Guerrero

against Propst and to proceed with the investigation into another complaint.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the first complaint is the one filed by Grace "Pitu" Sablan Vaiagae in November 2021 over allegations that Propst had sex with several underaged women approximately 20 years ago when

he was still a teacher at the Marinas High School and an employee of the Northern Marianas College.

Vaiagae is a counselor and advocate for the rights of abused women.

The second complaint is the one filed in December 2021 by Robert H. Hunter, who is the former senior

policy adviser at the Office of the Governor. Hunter filed the complaint over Propst's remarks that circulated on social media where the lawmaker allegedly made physical threats and used inappropriate language against Hunter and other people.

Propst has denied the allegations in Vaiagae's complaint. He, on the other hand, described Hunter as a cyber bully.

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the state funeral of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Sept. 19.

In this time of sorrow for the House of Windsor, there were hints of a possible family reconciliation. Prince William and his brother Harry, to-

gether with Catherine, now Princess of Wales and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, delighted mourners near Windsor Castle with a surprise joint appearance to thank the public for their floral tributes and condolences.

It was the first time that quarrelling younger royal generation had worked together publicly since the Sussexes stepped aside from royal duties in

2020 and moved to California. The thousands who flocked to Windsor on a sunny day were in their thrall, as the couples gratefully accepted flowers, talked to parents and children at length, shook hands and accepted heartfelt condolences.

Meghan approached a teenager in the crowd, who put her hand over her mouth in shock. The pair spoke

briefly then the girl said: “Can I have a hug?” Meghan leaned in to give her a big hug.

Catherine, for her part, focused on young children in the crowd, bending down low to speak to them warmly face-to-face.

The late sovereign’s coffin now rests at Balmoral Castle, the summer retreat in the Scottish Highlands where Elizabeth died on Thursday. Palace officials promised Saturday that the public will have opportunities to see the late monarch’s oak coffin as it journeys from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh and then to London, where her body will lie in state for four days starting Wednesday.

Edward William Fitzalan-Howard, the official in charge of arrangements, said the ceremonies would be “a fitting farewell to one of the defining figures of our times.”

The queen’s eldest son and successor Charles was officially proclaimed Britain’s monarch Saturday in a pomp-filled ceremony steeped in ancient tradition and political symbolism — and, for the first time, broadcast live on television and online.

The 73-year-old Charles, who spent seven decades as heir apparent, automatically became king when his mother died and vowed to follow her example. But the accession ceremony was a key constitutional and ceremonial step that introduced the new monarch to the country, a relic of a time before mass communications.

“I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy

responsibilities of sovereignty which have now passed to me,” Charles said as he took on the duties of monarch.

New British Prime Minister Liz Truss and five of her predecessors were among scores of current and former British politicians who gathered at St. James’s Palace for the meeting of the Accession Council.

Saturday’s accession ceremony ended with a royal official publicly proclaiming King Charles III to be the country’s new monarch from a balcony at the palace. In centuries past, this would have been the first official confirmation the public had of their new sovereign.

David White, the Garter King of Arms, made the proclamation, flanked by trumpeters in gold-trimmed robes before leading cheers — “hip, hip, hooray!” — for the new king. Gun salutes rang out in Hyde Park, at the Tower of London and at military sites around the U.K. as he announced the news, and scarlet-robed soldiers in the palace courtyard doffed their bearskin hats in a royal salute.

The proclamation was read at other locations across the U.K., including in the medieval City of London.

The new king formally approved a series of orders, including one declaring the day of his mother’s funeral as a public holiday.

Charles was accompanied at the ceremony by wife Camilla, the Queen Consort, and eldest son Prince William, who is now heir to the throne and known by the title that Charles long held, the Prince of Wales.

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At the same KKMP press briefing, Gilbert Birnrich, the legal counsel for the Office of the Governor, said the biggest issue from a legal standpoint in the House’s version of the budget bill is the fact that the House was trying to appropriate the American Rescue Plan Act funds for various uses, which he believes is simply inappropriate and illegal.

Department of Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, who also attended the press briefing, said the House version of the budget bill has the biggest red flags across the board.

Asked for comments, House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said yesterday that they are preparing a response.

Manglona is the author of the budget legislation, House Bill 22-116 in the form of HD2, that the House unanimously passed last Aug. 27.

Torres said what the House’s actions with the budget bill and in passing such unconstitutional legislation is really jeopardizing the whole government function not just the executive branch but as well as legislative and judicial branches.

Torres said the House submitted to the Senate last Aug. 29 their version of the FY 2023 budget, where they proposed to take away critical funding from healthcare, community and cultural programs, vocational rehabilitation services, and public and safety departments and agencies.

He said what bothers him the most is because the House Majority members are making so much an issue about Medicaid, the Department of Corrections, and all other agencies on lack of funding, lack of resources, but the first thing they did was cut critical government resources from essential government agencies and departments, in favor of giving themselves an additional \$1.2 million for House allocations.

“I am deeply disappointed with the House Majority’s decision,” he said, adding that there is no right justification for them to increase them \$1.2 million while slashing the budget of the Carolinian Affairs Office and other programs.

Torres said he is hoping that the House Majority members realize their action is unacceptable.

The governor said the House Majority also reduced funding from the Carolinian Affairs Office by \$94,000, and slashed the Indigenous Affairs Office budget by \$89,000.

He said after advocating to protect the CNMI’s veterans and thanking them and their families for their services, the House Majority took away \$165,000 from Veterans Affairs.

Torres said the House Majority also took off \$79,000 from the Women’s Affairs Office and a much needed \$103,000 from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Regarding the Department of Corrections, the governor said despite the House Majority conveying concern about DOC’s lack of funding and manpower due to the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters, they subsequently decided to cut 56 of the critical full time employees (FTEs).

With respect to the CNMI Scholarship Office, Torres said the administration has been advocating for students as the next generations, and yet the House Majority decided to cut an FTE from that office and \$151,000.

He said the House Majority also reduced 26 employees from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

The governor said they talk about accountability, transparency, and helping the community, and yet they cut \$973,000 from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Torres said he asked the Legislature to create revenue-generating bills and an incentive for new money to come in.

“I never asked them to go and increase taxes,” he said.

Torres strongly urged the Senate to make the necessary amendments to the budget bill in order to prevent the potential detrimental ramifications that the House’s budget version may have on the government’s critical functions, especially concerning public safety, healthcare, and essential community and cultural programs.

He said he is hopeful that the Senate can move forward on a true balanced budget and understands what ARPA can do, what Compact Impact and other outsource funding are meant for and not just appropriated by them simply because they’re the appropriation committee.

Torres expressed confidence that the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee and the Senate Majority will consider his budget proposal that they submitted since April 1, 2022.

Office of the Governor legal counsel Birnrich said there are issues with the House budget version and a couple of the issues involving the ARPA, Commonwealth Workers Fund, and other parts.

Birnrich said because these ARPA funds are federal funds, and therefore, are heavily regulated for specific purposes.

“They are regulated by the federal government regarding how it should be spent and used, and as such, they are custodial funds,” he said.

Because of that, Birnrich said, ARPA funds cannot be treated like general fund money.

He pointed out that the governor, under ARPA, has the authority

to spend it, not the Legislature, and that Torres has a very well thought-out plan which the House pretty much ignored.

“So we believe that’s unconstitutional what they did by appropriating the ARPA funds,” the legal counsel said.

Birnrich said the same for the CW funds, every year the CNMI gets money from the federal government for these Commonwealth fees for every foreign worker that a business goes out to hire for their business here in the CNMI.

He said the federal government under the law that created the Commonwealth workers says that this fund has to be spent in specific ways and that the CNMI has to come up with a spending plan and that it has to be spent on basically improving the local workforce.

“So the same as with like ARPA, it’s a very detailed plan. The funds are like grant money and because of that they cannot be treated like local money and cannot be appropriated by the Legislature in its budget,” Birnrich said.

He said the spending plan and the spending authority is under the Executive Branch, or between the Office of the Governor and the Department of Labor.

Birnrich said regarding the tobacco tax and sugar sweetened beverages tax that the House included in the budget, they were a little surprised that they put that in there because that is unconstitutional also.

“The constitution is pretty clear. We believe that the appropriation budgets are only meant to be for appropriations. You’re not supposed to put in anything substantive like amendments to laws, creating a whole new set of laws,” he said.

Finance Secretary Atalig said Torres’ proposal was to pay 80% of government employee salaries with the other 20% to be covered by ARPA.

However, Atalig said, the House reversed this proposal by appropriating only 20% of government employee salaries from the general fund, and the remaining 80% from outside sources.

He said the House assumed that ARPA can fund the 80% remaining for government employee salaries.

“That’s unallowable,” Atalig said.

The Finance secretary said there are limits in the provisions in government with regard to ARPA funding, and that the CNMI does not have the available resources in ARPA to cover 80% of personnel for the whole government.

Atalig also noted that the House took \$20 million that is supposed to be reimbursed back to ARPA from Medicaid, and decided to use that amount for appropriations to different agencies, which according to the secretary is not allowable.

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have sought, is not necessary but still they will provide as much as they’re able to.

In response to *Saipan Tribune’s* questions during KKMP press briefing, Atalig said he really believes that a subpoena is not necessary, as it is just a matter of having good communication between his office and the House Ways and Means Committee.

“The committee decides to do things and acts on things without even consulting my office or the executive branch. So it is hard to know that they’re asking and what they wanted to discuss,” he said.

Last Aug. 29, Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) issued a subpoena on Finance acting secretary Margaret Bertha C. Torres to request for documents pertaining to several reports that have been promised dur-

ing committee meetings, as well as fund status pertaining to some allocations that have yet to be transferred over to other government agencies.

The committee requested a total of 28 items and gave Torres a deadline to submit those by today, Monday.

It was Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) who offered the motion to issue the subpoena during the committee meeting last Aug. 17.

Atalig said when the committee called to meet with them, he was not prepared because they were not communicating on what issues they wanted to discuss.

“I don’t think it’s necessary to do a subpoena for documents. Simple request to my office and direct communication go a long way in building that partnership in betterment of our finances for the CNMI,” he said.

Atalig said, however, they will submit something today, Monday.

“So a lot of these documents that they’re asking will be forthcoming to them,” he said.

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heartbeats of uncertain cause.”

The procedure takes about 10 minutes, with about another 45 minutes devoted to programming and patient education. The devices allow doctors to diagnose abnormal heart rhythms that may occur infrequently, which may lead to a stroke if not properly treated.

Once the device is implanted, it is virtually invisible to the patient. The implantable loop recorders will record and monitor for irregularities of

a patient’s heart for up to four years with no maintenance needed.

“These devices allow us to see a record of the patient’s heart beat, even catching irregularities that a patient may not feel,” added Grauman. “It is a big leap forward for the residents of the CNMI.”

For more information about CHCC programs, follow @cnmichcc on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter; visit <https://www.chcc.health>; or call (670) 234-8950.

This press release may be found online at <https://www.chcc.health/pressrelease.php>. (PR)



## State of Education Address set on Sep. 22

The leaders of Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Technical Institute, and the CNMI Public School System

are slated to deliver the State of Education Address on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 at 6pm ChST at the World Resort

Saipan Taga Hall.

The State of Education Address is an annual platform for NMC, NMTECH, and PSS to come together and present plans for student success and workforce development to students, parents, guardians, elected leaders, government officials, and community partners.

The theme of this year's State of Education Address is "Finding Our Way Together," which underscores the collective commitment of the

CNMI's three public educational institutions to collaboration in the face of global and regional challenges.

"Enhancing the quality of education in the Northern Marianas is a collaborative commitment that takes all of us as a Commonwealth, and I am honored to be with my fellow 'EdHeads' in working together to navigate through the many challenges that have come our way and continue to come our way by focusing on the opportunities and possibilities of the future," said NMC president Dr.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

"Because I am a product of education in the CNMI, it is refreshing to see our three educational institutions coming together, supporting one another, making pacts to lift each other up, and working together to achieve a shared goal: quality education," NMTECH chief executive officer Jodina Attao.

"As educational leaders in the CNMI, we all envision a seamless quality education for all students. At PSS, we work for every child because total inclusion is part of everything we do. Our students

are our priority, and we help guide their growth to becoming young adults and productive citizens whether it be a college or career pathway. I look forward to strategically collaborating with our educational leaders to help our students become superb citizens in a global society," said PSS Commissioner of Education Dr. Alfred Ada.

The 2022 State of Education Address is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the Northern Marianas College Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/NMC.Proa](http://www.facebook.com/NMC.Proa)). (PR)

## HSEM to oversee PSS tsunami exercise drill

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in partnership with the CNMI Public School System and private schools, will on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 9am be conducting a tsunami preparedness exercise drill for the following schools: Tanapag Head Start/Early Head Start, Tanapag Middle School,

Garapan Elementary School, Oleai Head Start, Oleai Elementary School, Susupe Early Head Start, Marianas High School, Chalan Kanoa Head Start/Early Head Start, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Saipan Community School, Mount Carmel School, and Seventh-day Adventist School.

This will be done in conjunction with the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

The goal of the tsunami drill is to get students, faculty, and the general public ready for a real tsunami in the event that one happens after a local earthquake warning. The emphasis of this exercise will be on security and the use of existing emergency protocols.

The emergency safety process evaluation, reflection, and recommendation team, which consists of PSS authorities, private school representatives, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services, as well as other agencies, will be implemented.

As the students, faculty, and first responders execute this school tsunami drill, drivers are urged to use caution. Residents are also urged to secure any stray pets for the protection of the students and faculty. (PR)

## CUC schedules power interruptions on Sept. 13, 15, 20

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be scheduled power service interruptions on Sept. 13, 15 and 20, 2022, as CUC continues its ongoing system maintenance. See additional information below:

### Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022

**Power service interruption time:** 9am-1pm

**Areas affected:** Alu Drive and Bua Lane in San Antonio.

**Purpose:** To replace a rotted wooden primary pole along Alu Drive in San Antonio.

**Water wells affected:** None

**Wastewater facility affected:** None

### Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022

**Power service interruption time:** 9am-1pm

**Areas affected:** Ascension Dr., Guguan Drive, Mednilla Av., Acho St., Ascension Ct., Anatahan Dr., Tano Ct., Pajaron Lp., Managaha Pl., Farallon Pl., Wireless (Chalan Savana, Schap Faluw Pl., Agrigan Ln., Punta Ln., Marianas Ln., Kantit Ln., and Sari-guan Dr. in Capitol Hill.

**Purpose:** To replace two wooden burnt power poles along Capitol Hill Road.

**Water wells affected:** None

**Wastewater facility affected:** None

### Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022

**Power service interruption time:** 9am-1pm



**Areas affected:** Daddek Lane in As Lito. See map.

**Purpose:** To replace a rotted wooden double dead-end primary power pole along Daddek Lane in As Lito.

**Water wells affected:** None

**Wastewater facility affected:** None

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**(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIA § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of \$200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:


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| Date RFP Package becomes available              | August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)     |
| Date of RFP briefing meeting                    | September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM) |
| Deadline to submit Notice of Intent             | September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)  |
| Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications  | October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)    |
| Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP | October 28, 2022              |
| Deadline for RFP submission                     | November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)   |

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential-Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

**FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:**  
 /s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
 Executive Director

Date 8/26/2022

**NOTICE OF OPEN AUCTION FOR BID**  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel, Attorney Robert T. Torres (or his designee), for and on behalf of the Bank of Guam, will sell at auction the abovementioned vehicle, to the highest bidder, on **September 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, (Conference Room).**

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

- 1. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties conducting the auction sale:
  - a) withdraw the chattel mortgage (vehicle) listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such chattel mortgage (vehicle) is accepted;
  - b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before the chattel mortgage (vehicle) is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever there; and
  - c) to reject any and all bids.
- 2. Minimum Bid.** The minimum bid for the sale of the abovementioned vehicle is **\$8,000.00**. No advanced bids will be accepted. The vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder "as is, where is" without any warranties. **Bidders must be present in person at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, at 11:00 a.m. to bid.** All bids less than \$8,000.00 are rejected. Any person who registers his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card (valid CNMI Driver's License or Passport). The winning bidder shall be the person whom the vehicle is confirmed to, if the bid is accepted.
- 3. Payment.** The entire purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. **Personal checks /company checks are not accepted.** All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check only. The Bank of Guam shall release the chattel mortgage to the winning bidder. Failure to make payment will result in the winning bidder forfeiting his/her winning bid. The next highest bidder (minimum \$8,000.00) may be awarded.
- 4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the term conducted and enforcement of sale by the announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

DATED this 6th day of September 2022.

/s/  
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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# UOG announces 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award winners

The University of Guam named the winners of its 2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards during a ceremony on Aug. 27 at the Hyatt Regency Guam. One award was given to an individual from each of the university's schools and colleges, and another was given to an alum serving in the military.

The winners are selected based on professional accomplishments in their field, civic and university involvement, character and integrity, and achievements of local, national, or international significance.

The 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award winners are as follows:



Cruz

## College of Natural and Applied Sciences Awardee:

■ Luis G. Cruz, M.D.  
Family and Sports Medicine Physician  
American Medical Center  
'21 Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry



Sanchez

## College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Awardee:

■ Atty. Carol M. kle-Sanchez  
Deputy Attorney General  
Family Division  
'97 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science



Merur



Quitugua

## School of Business and Public Administration Awardee:

■ Mika Caldwell  
Vice President and Co-Owner  
Archway Inc.  
'96 Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing



Caldwell

Curriculum and Instruction  
CNMI  
Public School System  
'79 Bachelor of Arts in Education  
'91 Master of Education, Administration and Supervision

## School of Health Awardee:

■ Antonette O. Merur, R.N.  
Acting Chief of Nursing  
Palau Ministry of Health and Human Services



Cepeda

'95 Bachelor of Science, Nursing

## Military Awardee:

■ Col. Jose E. Cepeda (Ret.)  
'80 Bachelor of Arts in Education  
'82 Master of Education

The University of Guam has graduated nearly 20,000 alumni dispersed across the globe and throughout Micronesia serving in government, business, health care, education, science, and more.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards is hosted annually by the UOG Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. Details for next year's award cycle will be announced in April.

For more information, please contact Norman Analista, director of development, alumni affairs, and foundation relations, at (671) 735-2991 or visit [www.uog.edu/alumni/](http://www.uog.edu/alumni/). (PR)

## More Like Jimmy Scholarship delivers \$10K to UOG students



Duenas



Fedenko



Sambilay

Three biology students at the University of Guam have been awarded the 2022 More Like Jimmy Scholarship through the UOG Endowment Foundation. The awards, totaling \$10,000,

went to sophomore Victor Sambilay, junior Anela Duenas, and junior Ella Fedenko.

The More Like Jimmy Scholarship was created in memory of the late adventurer

Jimmy Hall with the hopes of passing on his spirit of curiosity and adventure and his enthusiasm for sharks and their environment. Since its inception in 2018, the scholarship has awarded \$55,000 to outstanding students of Guam and other islands of Micronesia.

For any companies or individuals interested in donating to support the University of Guam, please contact the University of Guam Endowment Foundation at (671) 735-2957 or [info@uogendowment.org](mailto:info@uogendowment.org), or visit [give.uog.edu](http://give.uog.edu) for more information. (PR)



## ATKINS KROLL (SAIPAN), INC.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING

ATKINS KROLL (SAIPAN), INC.  
AK TOYOTA LEXUS SAIPAN DEALERSHIP FACILITY

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the following project:

**CRM Major Siting Application No. SMS-2022-056** – Atkins Kroll Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct its new headquarters building and a Toyota-Lexus Dealership facility in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The project is situated on Lot No. E.A. 896-R2, measuring a total area of about 15,000 square meters, more or less, which borders with Route 30, Chalan Pale Arnold to the northwest, the U.S. Army Reserve complex, a vacant parcel to the northeast, the ANAKS Ocean View Condominiums to the east, and the Marianas Heights commercial buildings on the south side of the property. The project includes auto dealership area and parking, auto parts and services, sales offices, storage and working areas, conference rooms, vehicle showrooms, lounge areas, breakrooms, and restrooms. A large customer parking area will be provided with ADA compliant parking stalls, drive pathways, retaining walls, site illumination and site security networks, pedestrian pathways, and vegetative decors.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 5:00PM, at the DCRM Learning Center 3rd Floor, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.**

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/6706648315> (Meeting ID: 6706648315). Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8300/664-8315, or by email at [ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp) and [asanchez@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:asanchez@dcrm.gov.mp). The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan/Ms. Amy Sanchez at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the AK Toyota Saipan Dealership Facility Project.

/s/ Joel Lesh  
Vice President and General Manager  
Atkins Kroll Saipan



## NMPASI

NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI hereby seeks comments and/or suggestions from the community on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2023 as follows:

## NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC. (NMPASI) STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES (FY 2023)

[CLIENT / COMMUNITY SERVICES]

### GOAL 1: To provide legally-based advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families in the CNMI.

**Priority 1.1:** Facilitate appropriate advocacy and provide direct representation for eligible individuals with disabilities in the community (at least one more than the previous fiscal year).

**Priority 1.2:** Facilitate sufficient technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities and other members of the general community at large.

**Priority 1.3:** Facilitate appropriate representation for un/underserved individuals with disabilities (including but not limited to those living in institutions or other housing facilities)

### GOAL 2: To advance the understanding of and appreciation for Protection & Advocacy services and disability-related issues in the CNMI.

**Priority 2.1:** Facilitate opportunities for the community to engage in learning about disability-related issues.

**Priority 2.2:** Promote the understanding of local and federal disability laws.

**Priority 2.3:** Foster local capacity in self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

[ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS]

### GOAL 3: To enhance the quality of protection & advocacy services and the efficiency of the organization's operations.

**Priority 3.1:** Maintain an efficient, effective and legally-compliant administrative operation.

**Priority 3.2:** Maintain an effective, diverse and knowledgeable staff and board of directors.

**Priority 3.3:** Ensure sufficient and sustainable funding in support of organization's mission.

For anything further, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] / 287-0652 [text message]] or contact us on-line at [www.nmpasi.org](http://www.nmpasi.org).

\*NMPASI, a local non-profit organization, administers grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Queen Elizabeth's death, an unanticipated outpouring of grief in the US

It's complicated. That's how a couple might explain a relationship that's closer than its history would suggest it should be. It also could describe the relationship between the United States and Britain. Witness the admiration for Queen Elizabeth II expressed by many Americans after her death Thursday.

The leader of a country that didn't want our nation to exist was mourned as if she were an American, too. "She stood in solidarity with the United States during our darkest days after 9/11, when she poignantly reminded us that 'Grief is the price we pay for love,'" said President Biden, one of 13 American presidents who met with Elizabeth during her 70-year reign. He was quoting Elizabeth's words of support to America after the 9/11 attack.

Philadelphia has a cherished memory of Elizabeth of when she visited our city in 1976 and left a 10-ton replica of the Liberty Bell to commemorate this country's Bicentennial. She said Britons should also celebrate Independence Day because the American Revolution taught her country a valuable lesson.

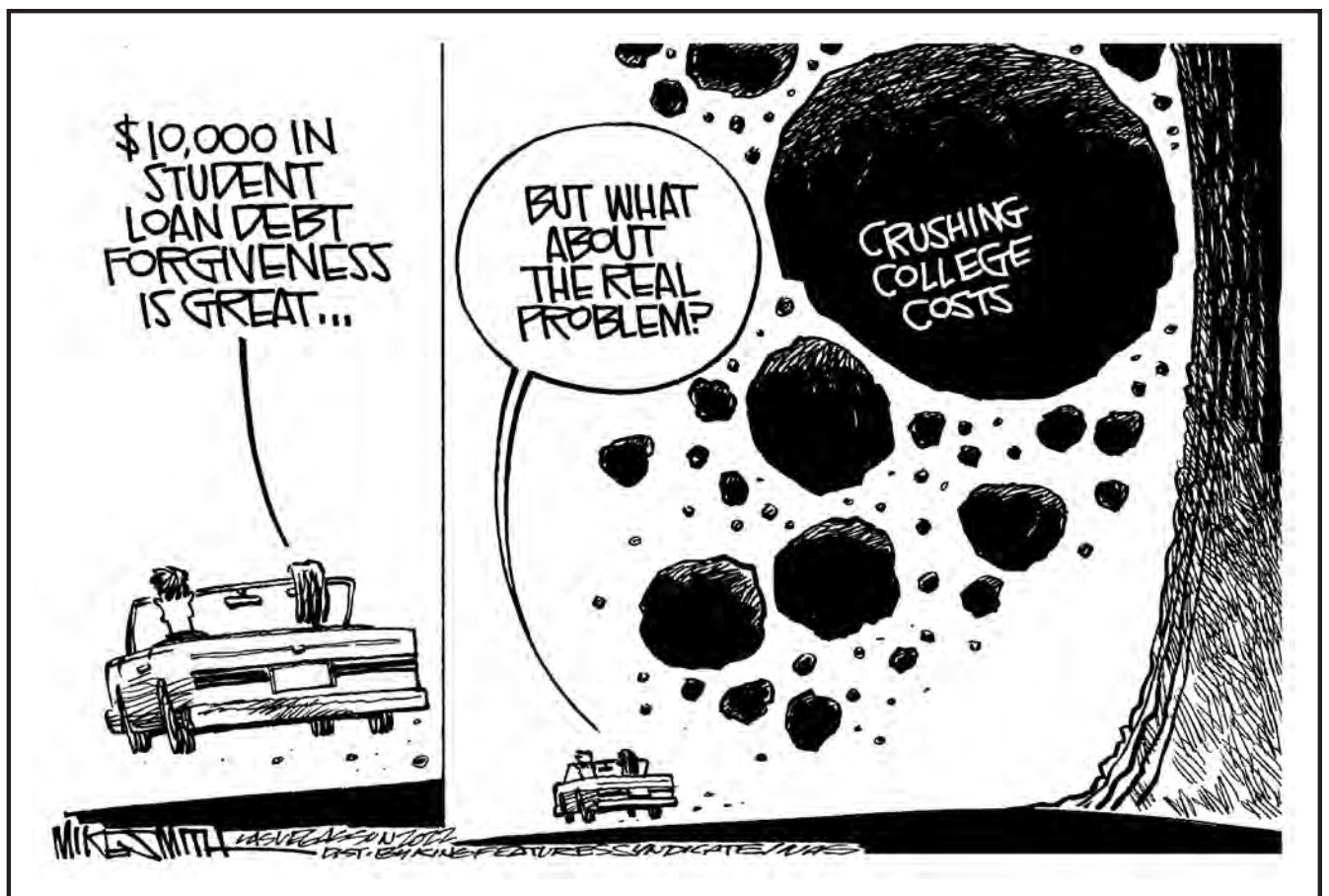
"We lost the American colonies because we lacked the statesmanship to know the right time and the manner of yielding, what is impossible to keep," the queen said. She didn't mention the War of 1812, which showed that lesson wasn't learned quickly. But after World War II, Elizabeth successfully guided her country's transition from a colonial power to a trusted world leader.

More than 40 countries, many of them in the Caribbean or Africa, gained their independence from Britain after Elizabeth became queen in 1952, including the Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Cyprus, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Upon Elizabeth's death, her eldest son immediately became King Charles III. His challenge — as titular leader of a nation that clings to the pomp and circumstance of royalty even as it questions its monarchy's continuation — will be great. Charles must be the public face that reassures Britons when Parliament seems to be failing them, especially with Russia's Vladimir Putin seemingly pushing Europe toward another world war with his invasion of Ukraine.

For now, he and his family will be given time to mourn his mother, who will long be remembered not only by them but the world. At age 25, Elizabeth immediately became queen upon the death on Feb. 26, 1952, of her father, King George VI, who died in his sleep at the royal family's Sandringham estate. Elizabeth, 4,000 miles away on safari in Kenya, was said to be perched in a tree watching rhinoceroses when she received word that she was queen.

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## 9/11 and some thoughts

I remember the September 11th, 2001, terrorist attack on the United States like it was yesterday.

It was a day that America and its colonial outposts will never forget. Our imperial nation was attacked, thousands died, and the aviation system shut down. Osama Bin Laden was successful at orchestrating, funding and overseeing a major terrorist action against the United States as thousands of innocents passed because of his desire to kill Americans.

Additionally, on 9/11, thousands of Chamorros were scattered throughout the globe, living in places spanning from Barrigada, Guam to Seoul, Korea, to Rota, Spain, going about their business wearing a federal uniform of some sort, bearing the insignia of the United States of America.

The uniform may have been green, white, kaki, blue or something else, but the common thread was that all who wore the garments that day, wore the colors of the United States as they went about performing national public/military service across the globe.

When the U.S. was attacked, it was nighttime in the Marianas, and it also turned out to be anything but a typical September night and following day for island residents.

On September 11th, hundreds of our Chamorro Pacific Islanders were working in their offices located at the Pentagon, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and/or in the New York City region when the attacks took place.

Hundreds of Chamorros were also working in various locations in the East Coast, Hawaii, and everywhere in-between, supporting the broader American national security community, serving as civilian contractors, subcontractors, federal government civilians or private sector employees or executives.

Whether we really realize it or not, our Chamorro people have wholeheartedly and completely supported and excelled working and serving in the broader U.S. national security ecosystem up through today, at levels that are arguably disproportionate to our total ancient Pacific Islander population headcount, despite living or coming from a Pacific Island colony of immense military value.

### Why we must never forget

There are many reasons why it is in our collective Pacific Islander interest to never forget about 9/11.

For starters, we are connected at the hip either directly or indirectly through family ties with the American national security community. Many of our families and friends serve in the military and/or work in local and national public service jobs that relate to the military. Many of these same families have served the United States for over two or three generations.

A second reason why we should never forget the horrors of 9/11 is that China and the United States, both superpowers by several units of measure, continue to engage in ways that are at once complimentary, coercive, risky, interconnected, and conflictual.

This becomes highly problematic because our Mariana Islands

### RICK'S COLUMN

By RICK ARRIOLA PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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chain is at the center of a broader key strategic geographic area of the world that has very high military importance to both China and the United States. If hot war ever broke out, our islands would be at very high risk of attack from China.

A third reason why we should never forget the horrors of 9/11 is that human suffering that took place that day was massive. Its effects continue to linger up to the present. In addition, several Chamorros and Mariana Islands residents have died in combat since the war on terror began, and many Pacific Islander families have suffered greatly from these additional casualties of war.

### Additional insights on 9/11

Since 9/11, the United States has been at war. Thousands died or were injured. The aggregate cost to fight this long war has surpassed \$7 trillion dollars.

Now America is focused on the Asia Pacific region — our region of the world.

Since 9/11, Chamorros have achieved milestones within the national security community as our friends or family members were promoted to the general officer, flag officer, senior executive service, senior intelligence service, and secretariat ranks throughout the U.S. government.

This is a big deal even though it is hardly discussed in the public square. During this time, Chamorros also served in the defense contracting world, going overseas to take on very dangerous assignments as private sector employees.

As a people, Chamorros will continue to engage in public service in ways that help protect the American imperial experiment. What we have to lose now, is literally our island chain should the U.S. and China go to war. Miscalculation can easily occur, and this can in turn lead to a host of situations that create the conditions which could lead to limited hot war or worse, World War Three. If this ever happens, we need to prepare for the worst.



# Queen Elizabeth coronation, in black and white

It was June 2, 1953. My family did not have a TV and my mother very much wanted to see the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, and so we drove to the home of my first-grade teacher on the outskirts of Paducah, Kentucky. She taught me to read, and she and my mother taught at the same school and were friends and she had a TV. Her son and I went out to a creek in the woods that had a vine hanging over it, and here's what could happen if you got it right.

You could run really hard off a high bank with the vine in your hands, swing over the creek and swing back, if lucky, landing on your feet. That was true adventure at the age of 7, although I did catch a snatch of the TV show that my mother talked about all the way home. She was an Anglophile and I grew up keeping an eye on the queen. I have never been all that big on the idea of monarchy and thought a revolution justified in getting King George III out of the American way. But I have long treasured this queen and am very sorry to learn of her death at 96.

It wasn't just my mother's fondness that did it, but keeping up with news that I later reported on myself, if not on the queen. Over and over her character was there, forever fortifying

the U.K. and Western civilization. She forever showed bravery, virtuosity, optimism, dutifulness, insight, prudence, endurance, wisdom and proper, engaging personal behavior with a perpetual smile and lots of jokes in private, it's said. She was also deeply religious.

She and Winston Churchill appreciated each other, and she got along splendidly with many U.S. presidents as part of strengthening the British-U.S. alliance that was crucial to Western survival over the last century and this century as we shared so many principles.

Queen Elizabeth's knowledge was as immense as her influence, I have read, but she did not engage in public or even personal argumentation. Instead, she calmly offered advice in private meetings always listening to counter ideas. She made a difference both practically and symbolically. She was a devoted lover of the U.K., its people and the honorable standards they stood for, and she wanted glad tidings for the rest of the world.

She made maybe as many mistakes in seven decades as I make in a week or two. Her own family found ways to let her down, but she never let her own responsibilities down, never retreated

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from what she alone could do, worked endlessly and hard and, while never showing off, she always demonstrated character of the kind we all should hope for.

She actually served in the military as a mechanic in World War II, made an incredibly funny film having lunch with Paddington Bear and has reminded us Americans that so much of what we are came from England.

I am so glad I had a chance to swing on a vine that did not break and see the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

## The CNMI's non-performing economy

*Second of a two-part series*

As noted earlier, the first and most obvious shortcoming affecting the CNMI economy is our isolated, insular location out here in the Northwestern Pacific. Literally, everything in the CNMI must be shipped or flown in—from consumer goods and the food products we eat, to construction materials and supplies, to cars and automobiles, and so forth. All of these, of course, are imported goods and products, meaning that we don't make or produce these goods and products ourselves.

This, in turn, begs the following questions: Does the CNMI produce anything for sale; can we make, manufacture, grow or produce anything for export, say, to Guam and the other islands of Micronesia, or to Japan and Korea? And the answer sadly has been "No, we don't. We don't have anything to export." Which raises the next question: Why not? And, again, the sorry answer: "We don't know what to export or how to go about exporting things to other places."

Ironically, however, we do know that there are things we could produce and export. Right? Like agricultural produce from Rota, Tinian and Saipan that could be grown in the CNMI and exported to Guam, or to the military bases in Guam. We could also develop, say, a specialized fishing industry and export certain types of seafood products, say, to Japan and Korea.

So why haven't our government and business leaders been looking into these possibilities since we began commonwealth self-government forty-four years ago? As the saying goes: what's the hang-up? And if there are any hang-ups, what have our leaders been doing to address and resolve these economic hang-ups? Are we going to continue relying on Federal Government "handouts" to provide us with the funding for most of our needs? Because if this is going to continue being the case, how can we say that we could independently govern ourselves as a commonwealth of the United States?

The CNMI has been fortunate to have had and still has a viable visitor industry since we became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States. We are blessed because our islands are situated in the tropics, where the weather is mostly warm and sunny. And we are closely situated to Japan and Korea, many of whose people have the disposable income to spend on trips and

take vacations in our islands.

We are very fortunate that the CNMI has been able to develop a lucrative visitor industry, which is not that labor-intensive requiring many workers. It is also an industry that does not put too much stress on island infrastructures (roads, power, water, and so forth).

Indeed, the CNMI has had a successful visitor industry ever since we began commonwealth government. Only recently with the Covid-19 pandemic did the CNMI visitor industry take a "nosedive" for at least two years. But as we have just learned a few days ago, United Airlines and CNMI visitor industry leaders have recently "joined hands" once again to revive and revitalize the CNMI visitor industry. And this, of course, is good news for the commonwealth.

But we hope that when this renewed endeavor to revive the CNMI visitor industry takes off and is making money for the CNMI, for United Airlines and for our visitor industry partners in Japan, our political leaders will not then start doing things again that will hurt the industry, like trying to establish industries that are "not a good fit" for the islands, such as the casino industry or the garment industry. We should learn from our past mistakes, otherwise we will keep repeating them. Let's stop "shooting ourselves in the foot."

During the visitor industry heyday before the end of the 20th century, the CNMI was entertaining over 700,000 visitors annually. And our goal back then was to reach one million visitors by the year 2000. With that many visitors visiting the islands back then, the CNMI was generating quite a lot of revenue from all the tourist-related local businesses—the hotels, the restaurants, the gift shops, the golf-courses, the tour operators, the airlines, and of course, the bars and night clubs. And as we all know from our experience with the visitor industry then, the business activities from this industry were generating millions and millions of dollars in business gross revenues, which in turn translated into millions of dollars in tax revenues for the CNMI government. These tax revenues, in turn, were utilized by the CNMI government to run local government operations and provide essential public services for the people. It is, therefore, an excellent industry for the islands. So, we must nurture it and make it grow. And we should not take it for granted.

Having said all the foregoing, however, we should always keep in mind that the visitor industry is a very competitive industry, just like most industries. And we should also know that the tourist industry is a very "fickle" industry. It is easily affected by financial and economic downturns, by public health crises, by terrorist attacks and by other calamities in the world and in our region.

For example, we have seen, for the first time, from the public health crisis caused by the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic during the past three years, that an industry like the visitor industry could become completely paralyzed. That is what happened to the CNMI and many of the other visitor destinations worldwide. Hotels in the CNMI had to shut down completely for lack of visitors. And the same was true for most of the visitor-related businesses, restaurants and gift shops which cater to tourists. The fear of being infected with a highly contagious disease, as we know, is a very powerful motivating force that makes people afraid to travel. And so, for about three years, the visitor industry in the CNMI was literally dead.

The Covid-19 public health crisis has taught us one important

**By JOSE S. DELA CRUZ**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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lesson though: namely, that the CNMI needs to have at least two or three other industries, aside from the visitor industry, so that we could diversify our local economy. This way, when one industry fails, there would still be two or three other industries that would help fill in the gap. Our political leaders should be aware of this by now, especially after our bad experience with the garment/textile industry. That industry left the CNMI in 2005, immediately after the textile quota restriction was lifted by the World Trade Organization.

The other bad experience we have had after the departure of the garment industry was the introduction of the Saipan casino industry, which was, as some say, a "rushed job." It took the CNMI roughly ten years after the departure of the garment industry to come up with the idea of establishing a "Saipan casino industry." But after that industry was established, it never quite made it to "lift-off." From the time the idea of establishing an exclusive casino industry on Saipan was conceived by our political leaders, to the time the exclusive casino license was issued by the CNMI government, the entire process took only about six months. Sadly (or happily, for those who were against the casino industry), the Saipan casino industry failed about five years after the exclusive casino license was issued to Imperial Pacific International Holdings Company, LLC. To this day, it is still not clear what was the actual cause of the company's failure to complete the casino construction project. Was it the lack of adequate funding? Or was it caused by the Covid-19 pandemic? It appears that only time will tell.

At any rate, in the heart of downtown Garapan today stands a colossal casino structure that has remained uncompleted and has now started to slowly deteriorate. Two high-rise construction cranes still dangerously stand idle on the very top of the fourteen-story structure. To this very day, the high-rise cranes have not been taken down, either because of lack of funding, or because the owner of the casino structure does not know what to do next. This construction predicament loudly begs the question: what are the CNMI leaders and public works authorities doing to ensure that the businesses and the general public in the adjacent properties are kept safe and protected? Shouldn't OSHA also be doing something about this safety concern? At any rate, whomever wins at the next general election this coming November will have his/her hands full with this and all the other issues that the CNMI needs to resolve.

To recap all the foregoing: our incoming political leaders in the executive and legislative branches (both newly elected and those re-elected) should never lose sight of the fact that it is the local economy that sustains CNMI government operations financially, and not the other way around. And a successful economy always goes hand-in-hand with a fiscally prudent government.

## QUEEN

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Who knew then that the length of her reign would surpass that of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, who died at age 81 after being Britain's monarch for 63 years, from 1837 to 1901? Elizabeth suffered from health issues associated with being 96, which prepared the public for her death. "As you can see, I can't move," she told visitors to Windsor Castle for her Platinum Jubilee celebration in February. She shuffled her feet while leaning on a cane.

Despite her age, millions hoped Elizabeth would be with us longer. After 70 years as queen, she — more than any other person or symbol — represented what England has stood for in the world: small but mighty, a presence to be respected, an ally that can be counted on, a spirit that dares to soar when the odds are against it. Without Elizabeth, another page turns. What it will say is a mystery.







# Business

## Queen Elizabeth is featured on several currencies. Now what?

**LONDON** (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II has been depicted on British banknotes and coins for decades. Her portrait also has been featured on currencies in dozens of other places around the world, in a reminder of the British empire's colonial reach.

So what happens next after her death this week? It will take time for the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other countries to swap out the monarchs on their money.

Here's a look at what is next for the paper cash featuring the late queen:

### SWITCHING MONARCHS

The queen's portrait on British notes and coins is expected to be replaced by a likeness of the new King Charles III, but it won't be immediate.

"Current banknotes featuring the image of Her Majesty The Queen will continue to be legal tender," the Bank of England said. An announcement on existing paper money issued by the U.K.'s central bank will be made after the official 10-day mourning period has ended, it said.

The Royal Mint, which is the official maker of British coins, said all coins with her portrait "remain legal tender and in circulation," with more information to come later.

"As we respect this period of respectful mourning, we continue to strike coins as usual," the Royal Mint said on its website.

With 4.7 billion U.K. banknotes worth 82 billion pounds (\$95 billion) in circulation and about 29 billion coins, British money bearing the queen's image will likely be in circulation for years.

"Rather than all of the current coins and notes being handed in, the process will be a gradual one and many of the coins featuring portraits of Queen Elizabeth II will remain in circulation for many years to come," according to Coin Expert, a British coin research website.

After Charles takes the crown at his coronation, a new portrait will need to be taken to use on redesigned notes and coins, the website said.

Coins featuring him will show him facing to the left, replacing the queen's rightward gaze in line with tradition dating to the 17th century. It dictates monarchs be shown in profile and in opposite direction to their predecessors.

### WHAT ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES?

Other nations' currencies that

feature the queen — from Australian, Canadian and Belizean dollars — also will be updated with the new monarch, but the process could take longer, because "it is much easier to enforce a new design in the country where it originates, rather than in other countries where different jurisdiction may take place," the Coin Expert website said.

The Bank of Canada said its current \$20 banknote, made of synthetic polymer, is designed "to circulate for years to come."

"There is no legislative requirement to change the design within a prescribed period when the Monarch changes," the Bank of Canada said.

In general, when a new portrait subject is chosen for Canadian money, the process begins with drawing up a fresh design, and a new note is ready to be issued "a few years later," the bank said.

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand said it will issue all of its stock of coins depicting the queen before new ones go out with Charles' image. The queen also is featured on the \$20 bill,

which is made "infrequently" and there is no "plan to destroy stock or shorten the life of existing banknotes just because they show the Queen," the bank said.

"It will be several years before we need to introduce coins featuring King Charles the Third, and longer until stocks of \$20 notes are exhausted," it added.

### THE QUEEN'S CURRENCY

She first appeared on money when she was still a princess. That was in 1935, when Canada's \$20 bill featured 8-year-old Princess Elizabeth, whose grandfather King George V was then the monarch, as part of a new series of notes.

Canadian \$20 bills were updated with a new portrait of the queen in 1954, a year after her coronation, and her portrait also started appearing on other currencies around the world, mainly British colonies and Commonwealth countries.

British bills didn't get her image until 1960 — seven years after her coronation. That's when the Bank of Eng-

land was granted permission to use her likeness on paper money, starting with the 1-pound note, though the formal and regal image was criticized for being too severe and unrealistic.

She became the first monarch to be depicted on British banknotes. British coins, meanwhile, have featured kings and queens for more than 1,000 years.

### CURRENCIES OUTSIDE THE UK

At one time, Queen Elizabeth II appeared on at least 33 different currencies, more than any other monarch, an achievement noted by Guinness World Records.

Her image is still featured on money in places where she remains a beloved figure, such as Canada, and continue to incorporate the Union Jack into their flags, like Australia and New Zealand.

She's also found on notes and coins issued by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, the monetary authority for a group of small nations including Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montser-



rat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Other places have long stopped putting her face on their currency. After Jamaica gained independence from Britain in 1962, its central bank replaced the queen on paper notes with portraits of national heroes such as Marcus Garvey.

Notes in the Seychelles now

feature local wildlife instead of the queen. Bermuda did a similar revamp, though the queen retains a minor position on bills. Trinidad and Tobago swapped in a coat of arms after it became a republic.

Hong Kong dollars issued after Britain handed its colony back to Beijing in 1997 feature Chinese dragons and skyscrapers on the Asian financial center's skyline.



## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### CUC-IFB-22-039

### GARAPAN SEWER MAINS AND MANHOLES REPLACEMENTS

#### (CORAL TREE AVE., DATE STREET, CPL DERENCE JACK ROAD, PLUMERIA AVENUE, PALM STREET, GINGER AVENUE AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements (Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, replacement and rehabilitation of sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, relocation of existing 10-inch waterline and the abandonment of existing sewer line, removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

*The project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Recovery Program (IRP) office of the Governor. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA/IRP.*

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-22-039, Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements – Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 12, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.



This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org), with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer via email at [larry.manacop@cucgov.org](mailto:larry.manacop@cucgov.org), Dennis Formalejo, Engineer via email at [dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org](mailto:dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior, via email address at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO  
Executive Director

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE FRANCISCO C. ADA/ SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT & COMMUTER TERMINAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-22



Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide janitorial services. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning **August 22, 2022**, upon payment of \$100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: August 18, 2022



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## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Building (across DFEMS) in Sinapalo I, on Rota. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

### AGENDA

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

**II. BOARD ORGANIZATION**

1. Election of Officers
2. Appointment to Standing Committees

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCES**

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Financial Affairs Committee
2. Airport Facilities Committee
3. Seaport Facilities Committee
4. Personnel Affairs Committee

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. CPA Environmental Policy

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Car Rental Concession (Saipan)
  - a. Scope of Concession
  - b. Determination of Procurement Method
  - c. Evaluation Plan
2. Updated Organizational Chart
3. Position Description: Seaport Maintenance Foreman
4. Supplemental Budget Request: Saipan International Airport Typhoon Yutu Fence Repairs & Replacement
5. Fiscal Year 2021 Audit

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Legal Counsel Reports: Legal matters/Litigation

**X. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Written testimony on the agenda items must be sent via email before the meeting to [cpa.admin@pticom.com](mailto:cpa.admin@pticom.com). Attendees (in person) must wear a mask and practice social distancing.*

KIMBERLYN KING-HINDS  
Chairwoman, Board of Directors

September 09, 2022



# Nation

## Gloves off, Biden embraces tough tone on 'MAGA Republicans'

WASHINGTON (AP)—In recent days, President Joe Biden has sharpened his attacks against Donald Trump and the so-called MAGA Republicans for posing a threat to democracy. He's likened the philosophy undergirding the dominant strain of the modern-day GOP to "semi-fascism."

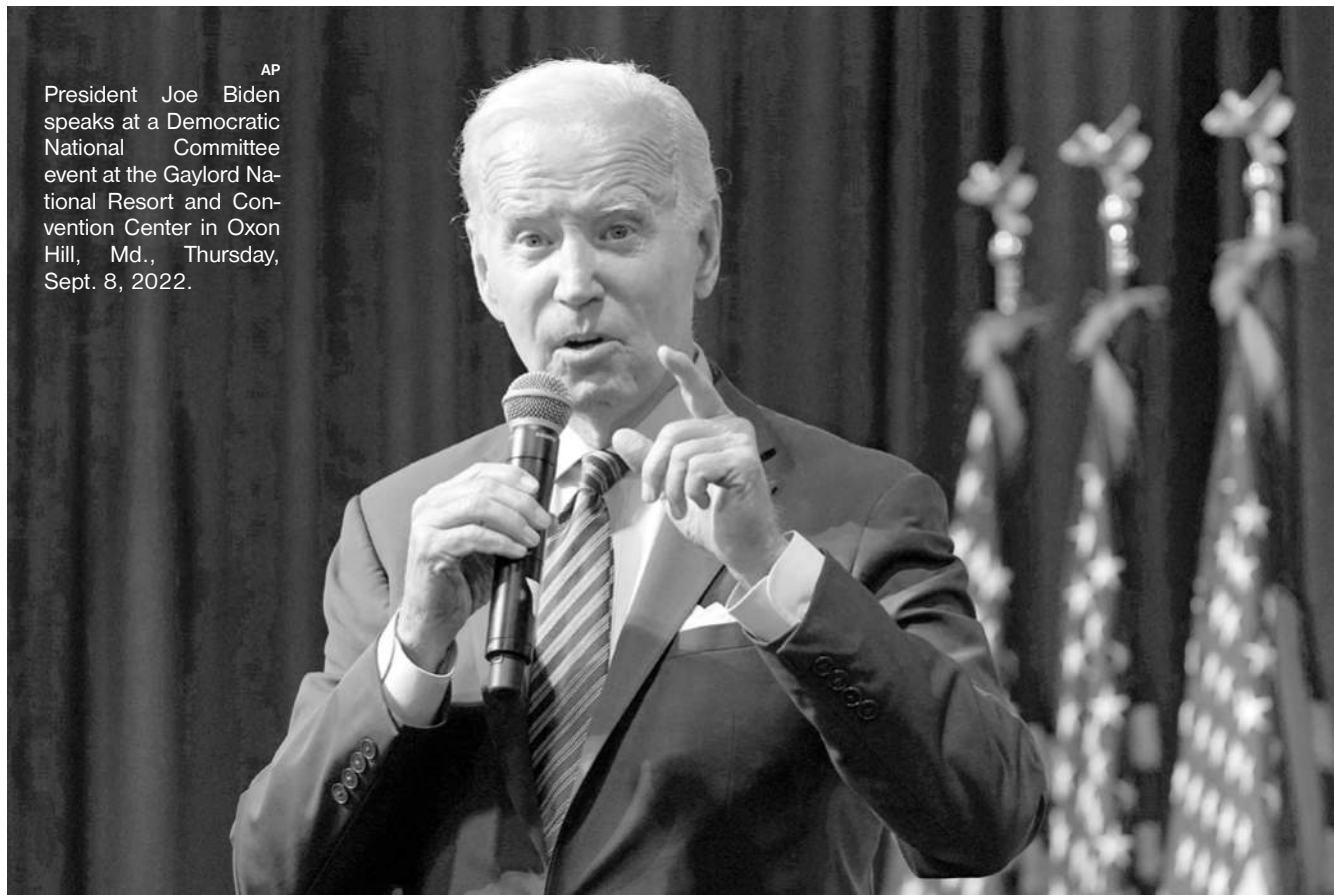
And Democrats are taking notice.

The gloves-off, no-holds-barred approach from Biden as of late has emboldened Democrats across the country, rallying the party faithful ahead of the November elections even as his harshest rhetoric makes some vulnerable incumbents visibly uncomfortable.

At a Democratic National Committee meeting in Maryland Thursday night, Biden said, "Extreme MAGA Republicans just don't threaten our personal and economic rights, they embrace political violence," referencing the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol.

"They refuse to accept the will of the people," he said. "They threaten our very democracy."

Biden's increasingly stark warnings about Trump-fueled elements of the Republican Party are making up the core part of his midterm message, combined with repeated reminders to voters about recent Democratic accomplishments and a promise that democracy can still produce results for the American people. But it's the blistering statements from



AP  
President Joe Biden speaks at a Democratic National Committee event at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Oxon Hill, Md., Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022.

Biden about his predecessor and adherents of the "Make America Great Again" philosophy that have given many Democrats a bolt of fresh energy as they campaign to keep control of Congress.

"It's a particularly strong issue for our base," said Sen. Gary Peters of Michigan, who leads the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the official campaign arm of Senate Democrats. "Folks want us, want people to show that there

is a clear contrast in the election between where Democrats are and Republicans have been."

Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., noted that "politics is somewhat like a team sport, and the president is the quarterback."

"The team is not going to fight hard if they don't see the team leader fighting hard," said Khanna, who backed Bernie Sanders during the 2020 presidential primaries but has since been a vocal liberal defender of Biden.

Biden's forceful campaign-year posture comes as Democrats are feeling more optimistic about the midterms, when the party controlling the White House has historically faced losses in Congress. A combination of legislative accomplishments, polarizing Republican candidates and voter fury stoked by the overturning of Roe vs. Wade have Democrats feeling they could see smaller losses in the House than initially anticipated, while retain-

ing their barebones majority in the Senate.

The president began road-testing his midterm message at a rally in the Washington suburbs late last month, as he railed against a Republican ideology that he said largely resembled "semi-fascism." The White House chose Philadelphia's Independence Hall as the backdrop for last week's address that outlined the danger that Trump's "extreme ideology" posed to the function-

ing of U.S. democracy.

And in a pair of Labor Day events in critical midterm battlegrounds, Biden continued to hammer the contrast while becoming even more comfortable in invoking his predecessor, whom he had avoided referring to by name for much of his presidency.

"You can't call yourself a democracy when you don't, in fact, count the votes that people legitimately cast and count that as what you are," Biden said Monday in front of a union crowd in Pittsburgh. "Trump and the MAGA Republicans made their choice. We can choose to build a better America or we can continue down this sliding path of oblivion to where we don't want to go."

Biden will headline an event Friday in Ohio, a state where the Senate contest between Democrat Tim Ryan and Republican J.D. Vance is becoming increasingly competitive.

Those close to Biden say the president has never shied away from a political fight.

"He's always made the case very aggressively when he thinks the other side is wrong," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., who has known Biden since the 1980s. "I think he's always tried to lift up the country and tried to appeal to our better angels while at the same time, making the case for when he thinks the other side is on the wrong track."

## Not Mar-a-Lago: Congress' secrets in sealed rooms, lock bags

WASHINGTON (AP)—Security-sealed rooms. Lock bags. And in the most rare of circumstances, the ability to handcuff a document pouch to a messenger to transport the nation's secrets.

These are some of the ways Capitol Hill keeps classified documents secured, an elaborate system of government protocols and high-level security clearances that stands in stark contrast to the storage room stash of secrets at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

As the Justice Department's probe into the Republican former president's possession of White House materials deepens, lawmakers of both parties have more questions than answers. Intelligence officials have offered to brief congressional leaders, possibly as soon as next week, senators said, as they launch a lengthy risk assessment. Congress had asked for the briefing soon after the revelation of the unprecedented Aug. 8 search, but it may be delayed by the legal

fight between Trump and the government.

"We need to be able to do appropriate oversight for the Intelligence Committee so that we have a better handle on how this particular incident was handled, but so that we avoid problems like this in the future," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

A culture of secrecy may not necessarily be expected from Capitol Hill, where 535 elected members of Congress, alongside thousands of aides and countless more visitors broker information on a daily basis as a routine part of governing.

Secrets large and small — from the most mundane details about when an upcoming vote will be scheduled to the parlor intrigue of transitional alliances—are among the more valued bits of currency that pass through the place.

But when it comes to classified materials, the stream of information tends to clamp shut.

Lawmakers who serve on the House and Senate Intel-

ligence committees are traditionally among the most publicly tight-lipped about their work, and staff for those panels must obtain security clearances to handle the documents and perform their jobs. Others serving on committees dealing with military affairs and certain national security funds face similar restrictions.

When members of Congress want to peruse classified materials, they descend deep into the basement of the Capitol to a sensitive compartmented information facility, known as a SCIF. Other SCIFs are scattered throughout the Capitol complex.

If documents need to be ferried in or out of secure locations, they are typically transported in a lock bag, a briefcase-sized pouch under lock and key.

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Penn., a member of the Intelligence Committee, said staff will often use a lock bag even simply to transport materials from committee offices to a SCIF some 30 feet (9 meters) away.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Found: Alligator, drugs, guns, money. But where's the tiger?

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) —An alligator, drugs, guns and money were seized during a raid at two homes in Albuquerque last month, but New Mexico wildlife officials said Saturday they are still searching for a young tiger they believe is being illegally kept as a pet. Investigators think the tiger is with someone "in New Mexico or a nearby state," New Mexico Department of Game and Fish conservation officers said in a statement. The animal was believed to be less than 1 year old and weigh under 60 pounds (27 kilograms), but tigers can grow to 600 pounds (272 kilograms), the department said, calling large meat-eating animals such as tigers and alligators a clear danger to the public. Wild tigers are listed globally as an endangered species. Alligators were listed as endangered in the U.S. from 1967 to 1987, but today thrive in the wild. The alliga-

tor seized by authorities is about 3 feet (almost 1 meter) long. It was taken to a wildlife facility after state conservation officers and federal, state and local police served search warrants Aug. 12.

### Coastal storm cools California heat wave, dampens wildfire

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Southern California welcomed cooler temperatures and spotty rain Saturday as a tropical storm veered off the Pacific Coast and faded, helping put an end to a blistering heat wave that nearly overwhelmed the state's electrical grid. Thunderstorms were forecast for the Los Angeles region Saturday that could linger in mountainous areas on Sunday. But after Hurricane Kay made landfall in Mexico this week it quickly was downgraded to a tropical storm and weakened further until it largely disappeared, said John Dumas, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in

Oxnard, adding the scattered rain falling in the region is leftover moisture from a has-been storm. "Is the worst of it over? Yes," Dumas said.

### Man accused in jogger's death faces charges in earlier case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The man charged with abducting and killing a Tennessee teacher this month was a suspect in a 2021 kidnapping and sexual case, but his indictment over those allegations didn't occur until Thursday because of the timing in testing his DNA. Cleotha Henderson was rebooked at the Shelby County Jail on Friday on charges of aggravated rape, especially aggravated kidnapping and unlawful carrying of a weapon. Details of the newest allegations against Henderson were not immediately available. The indictment came days after Henderson's arrest in the death of Eliza Fletcher, a mother of two and a kindergarten teacher.



# Asia

## UN's Guterres visits flood-battered areas of Pakistan

**KARACHI, Pakistan** (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Saturday toured Pakistan's flood-ravaged Sindh and Baluchistan provinces a day after saying the world is obligated to provide "massive" amounts of relief to the impoverished country.

Guterres was on the second day of a two-day visit to Pakistan, which has been devastated by months of heavy monsoon rains and flooding. At least 1,396 people have been killed, 12,728 injured and millions left homeless. The waters also destroyed road and communications infrastructure.

Guterres toured flood-affected areas of the district of Sukkur in southern Sindh province and Osta Mohammad in southwest Baluchistan province — some of the worst affected areas of the country.

"Pakistan needs today massive financial support to overcome this crisis," he said. "This is not a matter of generosity, this is a matter of justice."

Miles of cotton and sugarcane crops, banana orchards and vegetable fields in the two provinces were submerged in

floodwaters. Thousands of mud and brick homes caved in under the deluge leaving people homeless and sheltering in tents alongside damaged roads.

Guterres' comments came after he was briefed by chief minister of Sindh province Murad Ali Shah on the destruction in his province. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and some of his Cabinet members accompanied the U.N.'s top official during his visit.

Pakistan has suffered under extremely heavy monsoon rains which started early this year — in mid-June. Experts have blamed global warming for the early start and the heavier than normal rains.

"Humanity has been waging war on nature and nature strikes back," Guterres said. "We need to stop the madness which we played with nature."

Guterres expressed solidarity with the Pakistani people and said the U.N. will use its limited resources to help and request that "those who have the capacity to support Paki-



Guterres

stan, do it now and do it massively."

So far, U.N. agencies and several countries have sent nearly 60 plane-loads of aid, and authorities say the United Arab Emirates has been one of the most generous contributors, sending 26 flights carrying aid for flood victims.

Since June, the heavy rains and floods have added a new level of grief to cash-strapped Pakistan and highlighted the disproportionate effect of climate change on impoverished populations.

Experts say Pakistan is responsible for only 0.4% of the world's historic emissions that are blamed for climate change. The U.S. is responsible for 21.5%, China for 16.5% and the European Union for 15%.

The U.N. chief also visited camps for displaced flood victims in Larkana district. Guterres was briefed there by officials about the situation and threat to the protected archaeological sites of Mohenjo Daro — among the earliest ruins of human civilization.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Activists blast holiday for PH dictator's birthday

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Human rights activists in the Philippines rejected on Saturday President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s move to proclaim the birthday of his late father, an ousted dictator, a special holiday in their northern home province. Marcos Jr., who took office in June after a landslide election victory, authorized the declaration of the non-working public holiday in Ilocos Norte province on Monday for celebrations marking the 105th birth anniversary of his namesake father. The dictator was ousted in an army-backed pro-democracy revolt in 1986. "It is but fitting and proper that the people of the province of Ilocos Norte be given the full opportunity to celebrate and participate in the occasion with appropriate ceremonies," said the presidential proclamation, which was signed by Marcos Jr.'s executive secretary and posted on Facebook. Marcos Jr.'s predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte, had also authorized the late president's birthday to be observed as a holiday in Ilocos Norte.

But rights activists have been especially alarmed by moves of the new president they suspect are meant to whitewash the image of his father and the Marcos family.

#### PH ending compulsory mask wearing outdoors

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has approved a recommendation to end the mandatory wearing of face masks outdoors across the country more than two years after it was imposed at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, top officials said Wednesday. The Philippines and Myanmar are the last countries in Southeast Asia still requiring the compulsory wearing of masks outdoors, Interior Secretary Benhur Abalos said, adding the change in the country's masking policy will take effect after Marcos Jr. issues an executive order. A study showed the lifting of the mandatory requirement in other countries has not led to an alarming upsurge in infections when people continue to take precautions, he said.

Abalos appealed to people to keep maintaining distance and washing hands and urged the elderly and those afflicted with other illnesses to continue wearing mask outdoors.

#### Japan, India to step up arms drills, technology cooperation

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan and India agreed on Thursday to expand military cooperation by holding more joint exercises and pursuing combined development of defense equipment such as unmanned vehicles amid growing tensions with China and Russia in the region. Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi said there was "an increasing need" for India and Japan to step up security cooperation. He noted Russia's war on Ukraine, China's increasingly assertive actions, including escalating tensions around Taiwan, and North Korean missile and nuclear threats. Hayashi and Japanese Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada held talks together with their Indian counterparts, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Rajnat Singh, in Tokyo on Thursday.

# World

## 'A servant queen': World pays tribute to Queen Elizabeth II



Newspapers fronting pictures of Queen Elizabeth II are displayed on a newsstand following her passing, in Jakarta, Indonesia, Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.

**CAPE TOWN, South Africa** (AP)—Across the globe, the death of Queen Elizabeth II has prompted reflections on the historic sweep of her reign and how she succeeded in presiding over the end of Britain's colonial empire and embracing the independence of her former dominions.

Tributes to the queen's life have poured in, from world leaders to rock stars to ordinary people—along with some criticism of the monarchy.

It was in Cape Town, marking her 21st birthday in 1947, that the then-Princess Elizabeth pledged that her "whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

The British empire soon crumbled, but Elizabeth managed to maintain a regal—if ceremonial—position as the head of the Commonwealth, the 54 nations of mostly previous British colonies.

"The Queen lived a long and consequential life, fulfilling her pledge to serve until her very last breath at the age of 96," Cape Town mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis, said Friday. "She was an exemplary leader of the kind seldom seen in the modern era."

As queen, Elizabeth was seen as endorsing the birth of democracies in former colonies in Africa where Black citizens previously had been denied basic rights, including the vote. When in glittering tiaras she danced with new African leaders in the 1960s and visited their capitals, she birthed their new institutions.

When white-minority rule finally fell in South Africa in 1994, Elizabeth welcomed Nelson Mandela as a world leader. Her warm friendship with Mandela gave her a new relevance.

"In the years after his release from prison, (Mandela) cultivated a close relationship with the queen. He hosted her in South Africa and visited her in England, taking particular delight in exploring Buckingham Palace. They also talked on the phone frequently, using their first names with each other as a sign of mutual respect as well as affection," the Nelson Mandela Foundation said Friday.

"For Madiba, (Mandela's clan name) it was important that the former colonial power in southern Africa should be drawn into cordial and productive relations with the newly democratic republic of South Africa."

Fellow anti-apartheid fighter the late Anglican archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu also enjoyed good relations with the queen.

"Although ensconced in the pomp, ceremony and lifestyle of royalty and empire, in a world of profound inequality, she was a servant queen," Tutu's foundation and trust said Friday.

In contrast, a scathing view of the queen's rule was issued by South Africa's populist party, the Economic Freedom Fighters. The queen was "head of an institution built up, sustained, and living off a brutal legacy of dehumanization of millions of people across the world," it said.

"We do not mourn the death of Elizabeth, because to us her death is a reminder of a very tragic period in this country and Africa's history," said the party. "During her 70-year reign as queen, she never once acknowledged the atrocities that her family inflicted on native people that Britain invaded across the world. She willingly benefited from the wealth that was attained from the exploitation and murder of millions of people."

Some Irish soccer fans raucously cheered the queen's death at a match Thursday, according to videos posted online that angered her supporters. The Republic of Ireland's leadership expressed condolences and admiration for the queen.

The widespread tributes that followed her death came not only from U.S. President Joe Biden but also from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

She was a "stateswoman of unmatched dignity and constancy who deepened the bedrock alliance between the United Kingdom and the United States," Biden and first lady Jill Biden said, adding that she "defined an era."

Putin sent a telegram to King Charles III — Elizabeth's oldest son who automatically became Britain's new monarch.

"For many decades, Elizabeth II rightfully enjoyed the love and respect of her subjects, as well as authority on the world stage. I wish you courage and perseverance in the face of this heavy, irreparable loss," Putin wrote.



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## Mayo Clinic Q and A: Summer safety tips for ankles, feet and toes

MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

**DEAR MAYO CLINIC:** I recently moved to the South to take advantage of warmer weather. I am excited that I can embrace sandals, flip-flops and more casual shoes this summer. Do you have advice on the best ways to protect ankles, feet and toes?

**ANSWER:** Whether you live in a warmer climate or not, summer brings outdoor cookouts, family excursions and activities that beg for open-toed or casual footwear. Whether it's getting out for a leisurely morning stroll at the beach or playing on the lawn with the kids, your feet keep you moving.

Did you know that the feet and ankles absorb approximately 120% of a person's body weight? That is a significant amount of force, so it is important to keep your lower extremities safe and protected.

Here are my top recommendations to consider when it comes to summer safety tips for ankles, feet and toes:

Wear the appropriate footwear for your activities.

At the beach or poolside, flip-flops or other rubber-like shoes similar to clogs, can work well as they are easy to slip on and off; are relatively inexpensive; and protect the bottoms of the feet from rough walking surfaces, like hot sand or concrete around the pool. Certain types of footwear provide better arch support than others.

For extra protection, espe-



cially if you are someone who has health concerns or sensitivity of your feet, consider water shoes. You can find water shoes online or at sporting goods stores.

If you are heading out to shop, going to a cookout or planning an evening on the town during warm weather months, consider sandals that have some arch support and contour well to the shape of your feet. That extra support can help distribute weight more evenly to the bottoms of the feet and reduce stress and fatigue. Other options include casual footwear, such as loaf-

ers, flats or low-heel slip-ons.

Sports shoes, such as walking or running shoes, are a great selection for activities that involve being on your feet for extended periods of time, such as attending a state fair, going for a long walk or spending a day exploring the city. Sports shoes provide good shock-absorbing properties; offer more protection than open-toed footwear; and can be lightweight, breathable, cool and comfortable.

For the more adventurous person who is heading out on the trails, select a good pair of hiking shoes. This type of footwear has

a more sturdy and robust outer sole and heavier materials surrounding the feet to keep them protected. Consider hiking shoes with more support around the ankles to reduce the chance of an ankle sprain, which is a common injury for those hiking on uneven terrain. Also, consider the width of the toe box and the fact that you might need to wear thicker socks.

Allow break-in time for new footwear.

In addition to wearing appropriate shoes for your activities, when purchasing new footwear, bring your shoes or sandals home and try them out on hard

and soft surfaces. Then gradually increase your indoor wear time to ensure that the shoes will work for you.

Ask what the return policy is when purchasing new shoes. Give yourself a trial period of at least a week or two. Watch for any areas of irritation, redness or blistering to your skin, which may come from friction or pressure, and make sure that the shoes are comfortable and safe for long-term use.

Replace your footwear as needed.

Monitor your footwear for signs of wear. Check your shoes or sandals for evidence of outer sole tread wear, excessive compression or deterioration of the insoles, as well as tears or holes in the material that covers the feet.

Worn-out shoes may not support your feet as well, leading to potential tendon, ligament or muscle injuries.

Wear socks in closed-toed shoes.

Closed-toed shoes can tend to cause rubbing and friction to the skin, especially on hot days when feet sweat, or when wearing new shoes. Socks act as a protective layer between the skin and shoes. Consider wearing polyblend socks with good wicking properties to keep the feet cooler and drier on those hot days. Also, consider changing socks throughout the day as needed if they get damp.

Practice good hygiene.

Clean your feet daily with soap and water. Dry gently between your toes after bathing or showering. Apply moistur-

izing lotion or cream to dry skin, as needed. Keep your toenails well-trimmed and keep callus buildup down with a pumice stone or skin file. You also could consider a visit to a pedicurist.

For people with diabetes, poor circulation, an immunocompromised status or other health problems that may affect the feet and ankles, seek advice from a foot care specialist like a podiatrist or your primary care provider regarding nails, calluses and care for the feet.

Remember sunscreen and bug spray.

To avoid sunburn to the feet and ankles, apply sunscreen to these areas when exposed. Apply as recommended, and consider reapplication often, remembering that it can easily get washed off in water. Also, use bug spray when your feet or ankles are exposed to grassy or wooded areas. That way, you can avoid the consequences of contact from ticks, chiggers and mosquitoes.

Seek expertise care.

With these supportive measures and simply paying attention to your lower extremities, you can keep foot pain and ankle issues at bay, hopefully remain injury-free and enjoy your summer. If you experience balance issues, changes in your gait or have other concerns about your toes, feet or ankles, reach out to a podiatrist or other specialist who can guide you on more specific care. — **Dr. Martin Ellman, Orthopedic Surgery, Rochester, Minnesota**

## Western diet, sedentary lifestyle likely factors in global rise in cancer for adults 50 and under

By MIKE SNIDER  
USA TODAY

Cancer is on the rise among adults under the age of 50, new research suggests.

Early onset cases of cancers of the breast, colon, esophagus, kidney, liver, and pancreas are among those that have risen worldwide since about 1990, according to a study by researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and published this week in the peer-reviewed journal *Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology*.

The likely culprit? Increasingly sedentary lifestyles and a Western diet chock-full of processed foods.

While increased detection of cancer at earlier ages plays a part in the rise in early onset cancer, enhanced screening alone does not account for the increase in 14 different types of cancer among under-50

adults from 2000 to 2012, researchers said.

"Each successive group of people born at a later time have a higher risk of developing cancer later in life, likely due to risk factors they were exposed to at a young age," said Dr. Shuji Ogino, a professor and physician-scientist in Brigham and Women's Hospital's department of pathology, in a summary of the research on the hospital's website.

Those born in 1960, for example, have a higher risk of developing cancer than those born in 1950. "We found that this risk is increasing with each generation," Ogino said. "We predict that this risk level will continue to climb in successive generations."

The median age for a cancer diagnosis is 66, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Certain cancer risk factors including "highly processed



foods, sugary beverages, obesity, type 2 diabetes, sedentary lifestyle, and alcohol consumption" have all increased since the 1950s, the researchers said.

Researchers did not identify

specific increases in risk in the various cancers. But, overall, more people globally are less healthy. Those unhealthy behaviors are likely increasing cancer rates at younger ages,

they said.

"Among the 14 cancer types on the rise that we studied, eight were related to the digestive system. The food we eat feeds the microorganisms

in our gut," said the study's lead author, Dr. Tomotaka Ugai, also in the hospital's pathology department, in the summary. "Eventually these changes can influence disease risk and outcomes."

Researchers worldwide should collaborate to better monitor global trends and a potential global cancer epidemic, the researchers said. More in-depth lifelong studies including children can also help track possible impacts of environmental factors. And ongoing research should include specimens from cancers to determine possible differences between early onset cases and those found later in life.

"This is not only more cost-effective considering the many cancer types needed to be studied, but I believe it will yield us more accurate insights into cancer risk for generations to come," Ugai said.



# Life & Style

## Stepping up: Next generation of royals to see more scrutiny

**LONDON (AP)** — Prince William and wife Kate made a surprise joint appearance with Prince Harry and wife Meghan on Saturday, warmly greeting a large crowd gathered outside Windsor Castle to remember their long-reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Their “walkabout,” the first time the brothers have appeared amicably together in public since March 2020, comes at a time when the younger generation of Britain’s royal family must step up their responsibilities significantly.

William, long second-in-line to the throne, is now the heir apparent after his father, King Charles III, became Britain’s new monarch upon his mother’s death. That means William and Kate, both 40 and parents of three young children, immediately



From left, Kate, the Princess of Wales, Prince William, Prince of Wales, Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex walk to meet members of the public at Windsor Castle, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, in Windsor, England, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022.

assume a much more central role as the new face of the

monarchy.

been on frosty terms since

William and Harry had Harry quit as a senior royal

## ‘The Crown’ pauses production because of queen’s death

**LONDON (AP)**—“The Crown,” Netflix’s acclaimed series about Queen Elizabeth II and her family, has paused production due to the monarch’s death.

A spokesperson for the series said production was paused on Friday “as a mark of respect” and will also be suspended on the day of the queen’s funeral.

The show is in production on its sixth season. Its first two seasons starred Claire Foy as the young princess Elizabeth ascending to the throne and gradually growing into her role as monarch, and seasons three and four featured Olivia Colman as a more mature

queen. The show has gradually moved closer to current events. Netflix recently revealed casting of the actors who are playing Prince William and his wife Kate in the sixth season.

Its fifth season, with Imelda Staunton playing the queen, will premiere in November.

The show has won 22 Emmy Awards so far, including one outstanding drama series trophy and best drama actress honors for Foy and Colman. Josh O’Connor, who played Prince Charles in 13 episodes, also won the best drama actor Emmy for his portrayal of the future king as a young man.



This image released by Netflix shows Imelda Staunton as Queen Elizabeth in “The Crown.” Netflix’s acclaimed series about Queen Elizabeth II and her family, has paused production due to the monarch’s death.

and moved to the U.S. two years ago. Their show of unity Saturday was reportedly initiated by William and left some observers hoping that Harry, 37, might return to the fray and support his elder brother in sharing the heavy workload now on William’s shoulders.

“Certainly William and Catherine, as the new Prince and Princess of Wales, will be even more in the media spotlight if that’s possible,” said Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine. “Until Thursday, there was a buffer between him and the throne. That buffer has now been removed.”

It’s a stark contrast to how things were just two weeks ago, when William and Kate announced they were moving their family from central London to a more rural base in Windsor. Observers thought they were seeking more privacy and a more “normal” upbringing for their children, who just started a new year together at a private school.

Long before he ascended to the throne, Charles indicated that he wanted a “slimmed down” monarchy with a tighter core group of full-time working royals and lower expenses.

That was before Harry’s move — and before the prince’s uncle, Prince Andrew, was effectively banished from public life following sexual misconduct scandals.

Not many other recognizable “working royals” — members of the royal family who officially represent

the monarch — were left to share the hundreds of official engagements and numerous overseas visits undertaken each year.

The group includes Charles and his wife, Camilla, now the Queen Consort; William and Kate; the queen’s only daughter, Princess Anne; and the queen’s youngest child, Prince Edward, and his wife, Sophie. Also working royals, but much lesser known, are the queen’s first cousin, Prince Richard, and his wife, Birgitte.

In his first speech to the nation, which was broadcast Friday, Charles formally bestowed his own title, the Prince of Wales, to William. Kate is now the Princess of Wales, and is the first person since William’s late mother, Princess Diana, to hold the title.

William and Kate also inherit Charles and Camilla’s other honorary titles, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. That means managing and taking income from the Duchy of Cornwall, an estate comprising land across the U.K. that is reportedly worth 1 billion pounds.

“With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the center ground where vital help can be given,” Charles said Friday.

In his speech, Charles said he knows won’t be able to devote as much time and energy to causes he cares most about, such as the environment and climate change.

## Couple mending relationship eye speed bump on the path

**DEAR ABBY:** I’ve been in a long-term relationship with my boyfriend, “Mack,” for about 25 years. Eleven years ago we became more like roommates. I asked him to go to couples counseling, but he adamantly refused. He said, “If you don’t like it, find someone else.”

Long story short, I began an affair with an acquaintance of ours. After a short time, the affair came to light and Mack agreed to couples counseling, which was very helpful. I cut off all contact with the other man and any social contacts he and his wife were involved with. Mack and I slowly made new friends, and our relationship is stronger than ever.

The problem is, we have been invited to a wedding of the son of some very dear friends (who came to my son’s wedding last month), BUT the other man and his wife will also be attending. Mack refuses to go to the wedding or allow me to go. What do you think?

**BACK ON TRACK IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR BACK:** I think it’s regrettable that your partner is unwilling or unable to face your former lover and his wife, be cordial for a couple of hours and concentrate on the celebration. But that’s the way it is. Send a gift for the bride and groom and stay home.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I usually don’t let things bother me, but I

sent my phone number about a week ago (via Messenger) to several friends I have known most, if not all, of my life. Due to various circumstances, until recently I hadn’t seen them in a long time. Everyone received it; not a single one sent me back theirs. I thought our reconnecting went well. I know several of them stay in touch with each other. I’m not sure how to feel about this other than a bit rejected.

**WONDERING IN TEXAS**

**DEAR WONDERING:** While you were separated from these friends (due to various circumstances) it’s possible that circumstances may have changed in their lives, too. Rather than conclude their lack of reaction is rejection, consider that their lives may have gone in different directions, and they may be too busy to rekindle your relationship on the basis that it was before. Because you can’t change the way they behave, change the way you react to it and concentrate on the present.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I dream about many things. I have dreams about school, in which I’m either a student or the parent of one (and in some cases, both simultaneously). I have recurring dreams about certain houses, stores and locations. I also dream about my children when they were growing up or other people from my past. The only person I never dream about is my husband of 43 years.

## DEAR ABBY

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Should I be concerned about this?

**IN DREAMLAND OUT WEST**

**DEAR IN DREAMLAND:** No. From what you have written, your dreams appear to be centered on the past. Your husband is still in the present. Enjoy your sleep and be grateful for it.

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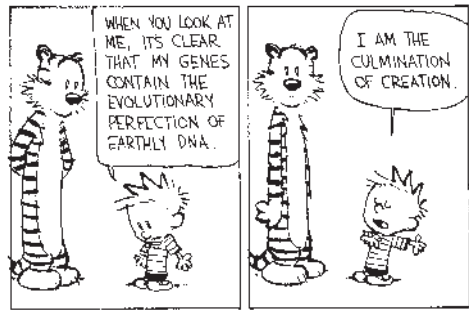
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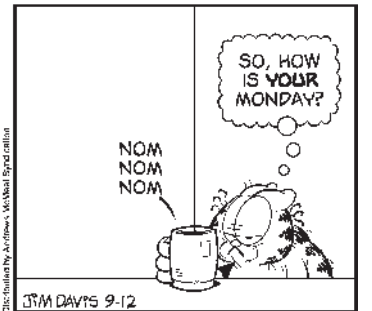
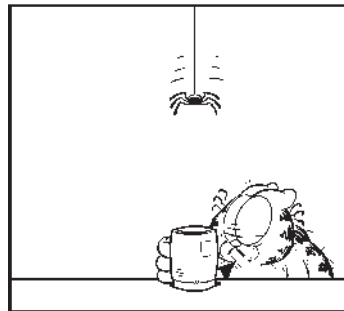
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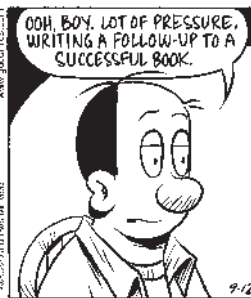
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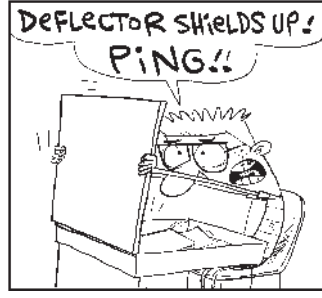
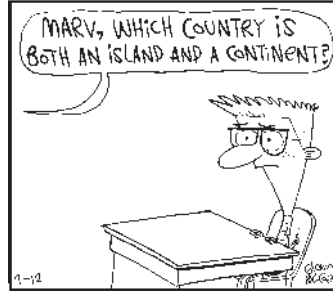
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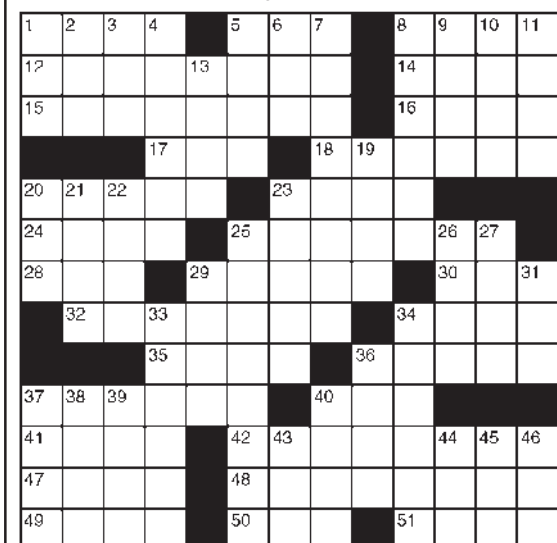
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Ryan Potter, 27; Emmy Rossum, 36; Jennifer Hudson, 41; Benjamin McKenzie, 44.

**Happy Birthday:** Pay attention to detail, slow down and give yourself a chance to breathe, dream and plan your next move. Calculate your position, and map the journey that will take you where you want to go. Plan for what you want and what you see yourself doing as you move forward. Don't fear change; master the art of following through with your plans. Your numbers are 8, 19, 23, 26, 34, 38, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Focus on how you earn and handle your cash. An open discussion with an expert will help you sort out the best path for you to follow. An open mind and energetic approach to doing things will give you an edge. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Change things up to match your schedule. Reach out to people you trust to get things done, and create a plan that allows you to use your skills to the best of your ability. Don't share secrets or send someone the wrong message. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Put a solid plan together before you begin something new. An optimistic attitude will help convince others that you are an expert in your field. Speed and accuracy will make the difference between success and falling short. A confident attitude will pay off. ★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look at every angle before making a move. Consider the cost and time involved before you start something you may not be able to finish.

ish. Observe how others react to suggestions and adjust how you proceed to counter any negative input you receive. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take the initiative, and carry on until you are happy with the results. Feeling passionate about what you do and your contribution will not go unnoticed. Stop second-guessing yourself; follow your heart. When in doubt, ask questions. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your vision will take you on a journey that is sure to please. Be receptive to the unfamiliar. Prepare to use what you discover to help you get ahead and justify taking a step in a new and exciting direction. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Talks will lead to action. Figure out the best way to proceed; the input you receive will motivate you to go the distance. A partnership will bring more benefits than liabilities. Work with someone who shares your destination. ★★★

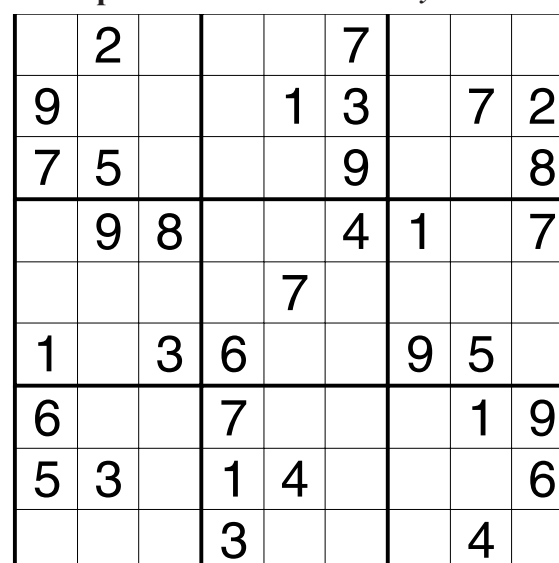
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't wait until it's too late. Sign up for whatever gets you one step closer to your goal. Change begins with you, and taking the path that feels comfortable will make your journey enjoyable. A change of heart will lead to commitment. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't trust what others lead you to believe. Take precautions when it comes to your job, reputation and health. Make plans with someone who offers good conversation and advice, and you'll feel relief regarding what you are trying to achieve. ★★★★★

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



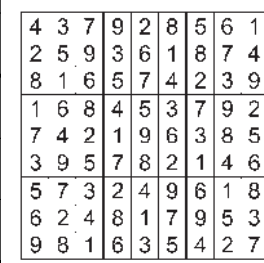
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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't spend what you don't have. It's OK to dream, but sticking to a budget you can afford will help you maintain a healthy and stress-free lifestyle. Don't let mixed emotions or someone's prompting to purchase something get you into trouble. ★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Concentrate on something that matters to you. Using your skills uniquely, making something that others won't or changing how you use your space, time and money to get ahead will all pay off. Don't let the changes others enforce disrupt your plans. ★★★★★



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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Swiatek beats Jabeur for 1st US Open title, 3rd Slam



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Good as she's been this year, Iga Swiatek came to the U.S. Open unsure of what to expect.

She complained that women use different, slightly lighter, tennis balls than the men do at Flushing Meadows, where she'd never been past the fourth round. She was trying to grow accustomed to the noise and distractions, the hustle and bustle, of the Big Apple. And she arrived with a record of just 4-4 since her 37-match winning streak ended in July.

None of that matters now. Cementing her status as her sport's new dominant figure by winning what is expected to be the last tournament of Serena Williams' career, the No. 1-ranked Swiatek outplayed No. 5 Ons Jabeur 6-2, 7-6 (5) in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday to claim her first championship at the U.S. Open and third Grand Slam title overall.

"It's something that I wasn't expecting, for sure. It's also like a confirmation for me that the sky's the limit," said Swiatek, who is 55-7 in tour-level matches with seven trophies in 2022, both best in the WTA. "I'm proud. Also surprised little bit."

She acknowledged harboring concerns about the U.S. Open after a couple of shaky showings at hard-court tune-



Iga Swiatek, of Poland, holds up the championship trophy after defeating Ons Jabeur, of Tunisia, to win the women's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, in New York.

up tournaments.

It turned out OK: She is the first top-seeded woman to win the U.S. Open since 23-time major champion Williams in 2014.

"I feel like on court, I can just do my job," Swiatek said, "and I'm happy about it, that I kind of can make these doubts go away."

Swiatek, like Jabeur, travels with a sports psychologist, and it took some fortitude to finish this one off. At 6-5 in the second set, Swiatek held her first championship point. Right before Jabeur served, Swiatek jogged over

to the sideline to change rackets — an unusual choice at that moment.

When action resumed, Swiatek missed a backhand. That could have been tough to recover from. Indeed, Jabeur pushed things to the tiebreaker, which she then led 5-4. But Swiatek steered herself, took the last three points and soon was accepting the silver trophy and a \$2.6 million winner's check, joking: "I'm really glad that is not in cash."

The 21-year-old from Poland won the French Open for the second time in June

and is the first woman since Angelique Kerber in 2016 to collect two major titles in a single season.

"She's really set the bar very high. It's great for our sport," said Jabeur, a 28-year-old from Tunisia who will rise to No. 2 in the rankings on Monday.

She is the first African woman and first Arab woman to reach a Grand Slam final and was participating in her second in a row.

But she is 0-2 at that stage, including a runner-up showing at Wimbledon in July.

"Definitely, I'm not some-

one that's going to give up," said Jabeur, whose support team wore black shirts with white writing that read "Yalla Habibi," Arabic for "Let's go, my love!"

"I am sure," she added, "I'm going to be in the final again."

Didn't help on this sunny, 85-degree Fahrenheit (29.4 Celsius) afternoon that Jabeur needed to deal with Swiatek, who has won her past 10 finals — all in straight sets — and was great from the get-go.

Jabeur did not face a single break point in her semifinal victory, but she got broken right away when Swiatek laced a cross-court backhand winner off a short ball to cap a 15-stroke exchange.

"The only match here where I started that well," said Swiatek, who had to come back from a set down in the fourth round and the quarterfinals.

Eight minutes in against Jabeur, Swiatek had grabbed 12 of the first 14 points for a 3-0 edge.

"Put a lot of pressure on me," Jabeur said.

Using her heavy topspin forehand to take charge from the baseline, Swiatek dictated the tempo and trajectory of points. She ran her opponent this way and that, never letting Jabeur use the sorts of spins and variety that she's accustomed to.

When Jabeur did show off some of what she can do, Swiatek would manage, more

often than not, to elongate points. She used her strong court coverage, backed by a soundtrack of squeaky sneakers as she darted everywhere, sometimes even sliding as she arrived at a ball, the way one does on red clay, her favorite surface.

When Jabeur missed a slice forehand early in the second set, she dropped her racket to reflect her despair. A few points later, she flung her racket while off balance and falling face down. A running, down-the-line backhand passing shot from Swiatek on the next point made it 2-0 in that set. Swiatek raised a clenched fist and yelled, "Come on!"

Then Jabeur did make things interesting, briefly.

But only briefly.

She got to 4-all and, after ending up on her back when an off-balance backhand won a point in the next game, she stayed there, enjoying the moment, pumping her fists while laying on the ground.

Jabeur earned three break chances in that game, any one of which would have allowed her to serve for the set. She could not cash in there, though, missing a ground-stroke on each.

Swiatek needed to wait 10 minutes from her first match point to the one that closed the contest, but close it she did. Maybe she'll feel more comfortable at the U.S. Open from now on.

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Tim Hardaway took the stage and told a story of his early days in the NBA, when Golden State teammates Mitch Richmond and Chris Mullin would often ask him the same question.

"They would ask me, 'Tim, how great do you want to be?'" Hardaway said.

They have their answer. So does everyone else. He's a basketball immortal.

Hardaway, Manu Ginobili, Swin Cash, Bob Huggins, Del Harris, Lindsay Whalen, Marianne Stanley, Theresa Shank Grentz and George Karl all delivered their enshrinement addresses as new members of the Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday night in Springfield, Massachusetts.

"A kid from the east side of Chicago made it all the way to Springfield, Massachusetts," Hardaway said. "Incredible."

Such was the theme throughout the night: how an honor that none of the new Hall members imagined has now come their way, each of them thanking those who helped them reached the pinnacle.

## Basketball Hall of Fame enshrines its new Class of 2022

Ginobili was presented by Tim Duncan, already a Hall of Famer himself, and next year the third member of San Antonio's legendary Big 3 of players — Tony Parker — will be eligible for selection.

"The Spurs were one big, strong, supportive family for me," Ginobili said.

Someday, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich will be in the Hall as well; the NBA's all-time wins leader doesn't want to be considered until his career is over. Ginobili reserved special tribute for him.

"Pop, what can I say? You've been so, so important for me and my family, on and off the court, that I'll never be able to thank you enough," Ginobili said, his voice cracking.

Cash — an NCAA, WNBA and Olympic champion — also paid tribute to her coach at UConn, Hall of Famer Geno Auriemma and her Huskies teammates, including the group that went 39-0 for her senior season in 2001-02.

"If anyone's debating the greatest basketball team ever,

ask about us," said Cash, who now works in the front office of the New Orleans Pelicans.

Duncan and Ginobili weren't the only teammates in the building. Stanley and Shank Grentz were teammates at Immaculata in the 1970s, before going on to coaching careers — and now, the Hall, together.

"It's the privilege of a lifetime," Stanley said.

Added Shank Grentz, who, like all inductees, learned of her selection in April: "I am still overwhelmed."

Whalen, whose legendary playing career has been followed by her returning to alma mater Minnesota and coaching there, might have had a Hall of Fame first by thanking a fast-food company.

"Thank you, Burger King," Whalen said.

To explain: When Whalen — a converted hockey player — was going to her first basketball camp, she was anxious, crying, not wanting to go into the gym. But her parents had paid for camp and weren't going to let her back

out, so negotiations quickly took place. The agreement was eventually struck; if Whalen would go to camp, she'd get a Whopper Jr., with cheese, for the ride home.

"I ended up having a great time," Whalen said.

Her parents not wanting her to play hockey was her twist of fate. For Harris, his was a professor encouraging him to take a year to coach a junior-high basketball team before joining the seminary.

Harris was going to be a pastor; ironically, basketball's founder, Dr. James Naismith, also was a pastor. Instead, Harris followed in another set of Naismith's footsteps, as a coach.

"After that year, I knew what I wanted to do with my life," said Harris, who coached at just about every imaginable level — high school, college, the NBA, international teams and at the FIBA level.

His path to the Hall came from modest beginnings, just like Huggins — who now coaches at his alma mater, West Virginia and has won more than 900 games in his

collegiate career — and Karl, who got emotional when he paid tribute to his college coach at North Carolina, Dean Smith, and got laughs when talking about the challenge of coaching a Hall of Famer like Gary Payton.

"This is really incredible for a guy from Penn Hills, Pennsylvania," Karl said. "This is a 'wow' moment for me."

Huggins even did a little coaching as he paid tribute during his speech to Jerry Colangelo, the chairman of the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.

"You're allowed to clap, I think," Huggins said. "I'm not real sure of the rules, but what the hell, let's just make them as we go."

Hardaway, Richmond and Mullin formed the trio known as "Run TMC," which remains popular today. Mullin entered the Hall in 2011, Richmond three years later. And they were on the stage Saturday night, seated just to Hardaway's left, when his wait finally ended.

"Legendary, baby," Hardaway said. "We was

legendary."

Also honored were seven more new Hall members, all deceased: one of NBA's first Black referees in Hugh Evans, six-time All-Star Lou Hudson, former coach Larry Costello, international great Radivoj Korac and a trio of former Harlem Globetrotters in Wyatt "Sonny" Boswell, Inman Jackson and Albert "Runt" Pullins.

And special tribute was paid to two-time Hall of Fame inductee Bill Russell, who made it in as a player, then as a coach. Russell died earlier this year, and the ceremony Saturday began with Hall of Famers Jerry West and Alonzo Mourning paying respect to the 11-time champion.

"Bill was the ultimate competitor on the court and a remarkable human being off of it," West said. "And in his own way, he made all the lives he touched a little better. That's why he'll be missed, especially by those who were fortunate enough to know him."

Added Mourning, who spoke of Russell's work as a champion of social justice: "Rest in power, my friend."





# Pujols inches closer to 700, Arenado lifts Cards over Bucs



**PITTSBURGH**  
(AP)—Al-

bert Pujols hit his 696th home run, tying Alex Rodriguez for fourth place on the career list, and the St. Louis Cardinals rallied past the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-5 Saturday night.

Pujols trails only Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the all-time homer chart. The 42-year-old Pujols has 22 games left in his 22nd and final season in the big leagues.

With St. Louis down 3-1 in the sixth, Pujols connected on a first-pitch slider from JT Brubaker. He sent a two-run shot 418 feet into the left-field bleachers at PNC Park, launched with an exit velocity of 111.2 mph.

Pujols also doubled and singled for the NL Central leaders. His RBI single in the eighth made it 4-all.

Nolan Arenado broke the tie with a three-run double with two outs in the ninth off Wil Crowe (5-9).

Giovanny Gallegos (3-5) pitched a perfect eighth inning for the Cardinals. Ryan Helsley allowed a two-out RBI single by Bryan Reynolds in the ninth before getting Rodolfo Castro to ground out for his 15th save.

## Angels 6, Astros 1

In Houston, Mike Trout homered in his sixth straight game to set an Angels franchise record. Shohei Ohtani threw five solid innings before exiting because of a blister and Los Angeles beat Houston.

Trout hit his 34th homer, a three-run drive to left field in the second inning. The three-time AL MVP broke the club mark of five games in a row with a homer set by Bobby Bonds in 1977.

Ken Griffey Jr., Don Mattingly and Dale Long share the major league record of eight games in a row with a home run.

Ohtani (12-8) yielded one run on six hits with seven strikeouts until leaving just before the sixth inning with a blister on his right index finger.

The Angels jumped on Houston starter José Urquidy (13-6) for five runs in the first two innings. He allowed a career high-tying six runs on 10 hits in five innings.

## Dodgers 8, Padres 4

In San Diego, Freddie Freeman drove in four runs on four hits, including a two-run homer, and Trea Turner hit a go-ahead, three-run double for Los Angeles, which beat San Diego and reduced its magic number to four for



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols (5) is greeted by Yadier Molina (4) after hitting a two-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher JT Brubaker during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022.

clinching the NL West.

The Dodgers are closing in on their ninth division title in 10 seasons. They continue to dominate the Padres, winning for the 11th time in 14 games this season and for the 21st time in their last 24 matchups.

Julio Urias (16-7) allowed two home runs to Manny Machado but otherwise quieted the Padres for seven innings to win his third straight start and for the 12th time in 13 decisions.

## Yankees 10, Rays 3

In New York, leadoff man Aaron Judge singled twice during a six-run first inning off Corey Kluber as New York started with seven straight hits for the first time since 1990 and routed Tampa Bay.

Josh Donaldson homered early and Giancarlo Stanton connected late off a lob pitch as both players returned to the lineup and helped the AL East-leading Yankees move 4 1/2 games ahead of Tampa Bay.

Judge, leading the majors with 55 home runs, hit three singles in raising his average to .307. He is the first Yankees player to reach base at least three times in seven straight games since Mickey Mantle in June 1957.

New York hit six singles on the first 21 pitches from Kluber (10-8). Judge's RBI single with two outs in the first chased the two-time Cy Young Award winner after 32 pitches.

New York starter Jameson Taillon (13-4) gave up three runs and six hits in 7 1/3 innings and got his 50th career win.

## Phillies 8, Nationals 5

In Philadelphia, Bryce Harper ended the longest home run drought of his career and Kyle Schwarber hit his 37th homer of the year to help Philadelphia over Washington.

Harper homered for the first time since June 5, a span of 102 plate appearances that also included a two-month stint on the IL with a broken thumb. Schwarber homered for the first time since Aug. 29 to keep the National League lead.

Brandon Marsh and Nick Maton also homered for Philadelphia. Ranger Suarez (9-5) earned the win, throwing 6 2/3 innings and allowing four runs on seven hits.

## Mariners 3, Braves 1

In Seattle, Sam Haggerty and Eugenio Suárez each hit a solo homer, George Kirby pitched into the seventh inning and Seattle snapped Atlanta's eight-game winning streak.

A day after the World Series champion Braves took sole possession of first place in the NL East for the first time all season, they fell a half-game behind the Mets again after New York beat Miami earlier in the night.

Haggerty connected off Max Fried (13-6) in the fifth for his fifth home run. Suárez followed an inning later with his 28th of the season. It was the first time this year Fried allowed multiple home runs in a start.

## White Sox 10, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Elvis Andrus connected for a three-run homer against Oakland,

which cut him last month, and Chicago had 20 hits in its fourth straight win.

AJ Pollock and Andrew Vaughn each had four hits, helping Lance Lynn (6-5) and the surging White Sox win for the ninth time in 11 games. Lynn allowed two unearned runs and three hits in six innings.

Andrus is 22 for 60 with five homers over his last 14 games.

## Mets 11, Marlins 3

In Miami, Francisco Lindor had three hits, including his 22nd home run, Mark Canha launched a grand slam to cap an eight-run fourth inning and New York took down Miami.

Eduardo Escobar also went deep among his three hits for the Mets, who moved back into first place in the NL East by a half-game over Atlanta. New York began the night trailing in the division for the first time since April 11.

Canha opened the fourth with a walk against starter Pablo López and polished off the outburst by connecting against reliever Andrew Nardi for his first career slam to put the Mets ahead 9-1.

Carlos Carrasco (14-6) pitched six innings of one-run ball. The right-hander retired 11 straight before Jon Berti's one-out double in the sixth.

## Guardians 6, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Triston McKenzie pitched seven shutout innings, Amed Rosario hit a two-run homer and AL Central-leading Cleveland held off Minnesota.

José Ramírez went 3 for 4 with two runs, a walk and an RBI for Cleveland, which

improved to 13-5 in its last 18 road games and stayed 1 1/2 games ahead of Chicago in the three-team division race. Minnesota dropped 3 1/2 games back and fell to .500 for the first time since April 24.

The Twins trailed 6-0 before a four-run ninth that got tense enough for All-Star closer Emmanuel Clase to be summoned for the final out. He earned his 33rd save.

McKenzie (10-11) won for the first time in four starts and gave up six hits.

## Red Sox 17, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Rafael Devers hit a first-inning grand slam, Kiké Hernández had four hits and Boston slugged its way to a lopsided win over Baltimore.

Jordan Lyles (10-10) couldn't make it out of the fourth in his first start this month, and the Orioles lost for the fifth time in seven games. Lyles allowed eight runs and seven hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Baltimore fell five games behind Seattle for the final AL wild card.

Christian Arroyo hit a two-run homer in the fifth for the Red Sox, who had already broken the game open by then. Boston snapped a four-game losing streak, and Michael Wacha (11-1) extended his unbeaten run to 11 starts, and gave up three runs and six hits in six innings.

## Blue Jays 11, Rangers 7

In Arlington, Texas, Danny Jansen homered and matched a career high with four hits, Santiago Espinal tied career bests with three hits and three RBIs, and Raimel Tapia hit a three-run homer as Toronto's bottom of the order led an early onslaught in a win over Texas.

All 11 Blue Jays runs came in the first four innings, helping Kevin Gausman to his fourth consecutive win. The Blue Jays are a season-best 18 games over .500 and pulled within one-half game of AL wild-card leader Tampa Bay.

Gausman (12-9) allowed five runs on two homers. He went 5 1/3 innings, striking out nine, which is one short of his season high.

## Giants 5, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Joey Bart and David Villar each homered, doubled and drove in two runs, helping San Francisco top Chicago and end a five-game losing streak.

Logan Webb (13-8) allowed two runs on six hits over seven innings, while striking out six and walking none. The 25-year-old right-hander retired 17 of his last 19 hitters, and extended his career highs for wins and in-

nings pitched.

John Brebbia tossed a scoreless eighth. Camilo Doval worked around a lead-off single in the ninth for his 21st save.

## Brewers 5, Reds 1

In Milwaukee, Willy Adames and Andrew McCutchen each hit a two-run homer, Adrian Houser allowed one hit in six innings and Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Houser (6-9) permitted a leadoff double by José Barrero in the third and a sacrifice fly by TJ Friedl — but nothing more. The right-hander turned a 2-1 lead over to the bullpen, and the Brewers easily held on.

Taylor Rogers pitched a 1-2-3 seventh, Matt Bush struck out the side in the eighth and Brad Boxberger handled the ninth for Milwaukee, which is three games behind San Diego for the final National League wild card.

## Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Denver, C.J. Cron hit a three-run home run, José Ureña gave up one run in 5 1/3 innings and Colorado beat Arizona for its fourth-consecutive victory.

Cron's 457-foot shot to center field off Madison Bumgarner (6-14) was his team-high 28th home run of the season and his fourth in the past seven games. It came one day after he launched a 504-foot blast to left field that was the second-longest home run since tracking began in 2015.

Rockies reliever Justin Lawrence (3-1) threw 1 2/3 shutout innings to earn the win. Daniel Bard pitched a perfect ninth to notch his 29th save of the season.

Ureña struck out five batters.

## Tigers 8, Royals 4, 8 innings

In Kansas City, Mo., Victor Reyes drove in three runs, and Detroit beat Kansas City in a rain-shortened game.

Javier Báez and Harold Castro each had two hits and two RBIs as Detroit earned its third straight win. Matt Manning (2-2) pitched 6 1/3 innings of three-hit ball.

The Tigers went ahead to stay with three runs in the third against Jonathan Heasley (3-8). Reyes snapped a 1-1 tie with an RBI triple. Báez doubled in Reyes and then scored on Castro's single.

Heasley was charged with seven runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

Salvador Perez had two hits for Kansas City and drove in a run.



# HANMI golf tourney sold out

Registration for the 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Sept. 17, 2022, is sold out, with interested players now cueing on a waiting list for a chance to play.

“Once again, thanks to the incredible support of our players and generous sponsors, registration for our HANMI tournament has sold out early,” said HANMI golf tournament chair Juko Ishikawa. “We want to also acknowledge our many in-kind donors of hole-in-one prizes, raffle prizes, refreshments, advertisement, and other goods and services. The

committee is working very diligently with Laolao Bay Golf & Resort to put on a great tournament again this year... all we need now is good weather!”

In-kind sponsors are CTSI, All Star Sporting Goods, Big Boy’s Marine, Boss Karaoke, Century Hotel, Chung Gi Wa Restaurant, Crystal Ecology 3M-Saipan, Dial Rent-to-Own DPA Car Mart, Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Great Harvest, Hardt Eye Clinic, Herman’s Modern Bakery, Himawari Saipan Inc., Hyatt Regency Saipan, Ina’s Kitchen, I-Shop, IT&E, Jang Gun Restaurant,

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ian Western Lodge, Tribes Bar, Umibozu Restaurant, WSTCP, and Wushin Corp.

Also up for grabs as hole-in-one in-kind donations are a 2022 Toyota Tacoma TRD Sport from Atkins Kroll (Saipan), a 2022 Hyundai Kona from Triple J Motors, a 2022 Nissan Kicks from Joeten Motors, \$20,000 cash from Bank of Saipan, and \$5,000 from Pacifica Insurance.

The players’ waiting list is available upon submission of a registration form at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. For an additional \$30, players may also compete for optional play



Crowne Paza Resort Saipan F&B director Das Krishnan, second right, and resort managers present accommodation and restaurant gift certificates on Sept. 7, 2022, in Garapan, Saipan, for the 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Sept. 17, 2022. From left, outlets manager Ronald Sanchez, tournament committee member Max Concepcion, tournament committee chair Juko Ishikawa, rooms reservations manager Sunshine Saures, Krishnan, and beverage manager Jeffrey Cruz.

## TALBOT

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He added that it was his first race on the island but won’t be his last. He said he will join “definitely any Run Saipan event. I’ve been volunteering with them for a little bit, so it’s nice to be involved in trying to give back to the community here in some way.”

When asked his thoughts about living on Saipan, he said “it’s beautiful. It’s a little paradise. Yeah, people are super friendly. Everyone’s really welcoming, especially the Run Saipan crew. Everyone’s really giving and yeah, just open arms, so it’s been really cool.”



Runners in action at the start of the open division races of Saipan International School’s Gecko 5000 held last Saturday from Banzai Cliff in Marpi.

Spaeth, for her part, told *Saipan Tribune* that she was “happy to hear that I came in first!”

“As for my thoughts on the course, I always enjoy running and training in Marpi. It’s typically pretty quiet and peaceful but for this event it was packed full of excitement and energy! My own two kids raced in the 1-mile event for the elementary kids and it was really fun to watch them all race so hard and have fun at the same time. Dr. Ron Synder did an amazing job at hosting and kicking off the all school cross country

series. I heard there was something like 600 people registered for the whole event! [It’s] really great to see how much the community is embracing running,” added Spaeth.

Snyder, Saipan International School headmaster and Northern Marianas Athletics distance coach, said after the festivities of the morning that in “the open category, we had some top-notch runners out here doing some really great times, even though they were running it in some heat and that hill up suicide cliff is brutal, so kudos to them for doing that.”

## CARMELITA

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out from Tinian to support TTT and the youth.

Third place went to the boat *Talladega* captained by Albert “Bubba” Flores with a 14-lb wahoo and fourth place went to the *Lorraine*, captained by master navigator Cecilio Rai-ukiulipi, with a 9.1-lb wahoo.

The winning boats received gift cards to a variety of businesses and goodies (hats, coolers) from the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. The students were also taught how to filet fish courtesy of their boat captains after the derby.

Alexander Go Yamaguchi Camacho, a senior in Marianas High School who was on the winning boat *Carmelita II*, was asked about the fishing experience and said that “it was very calm” and that “it was... a very fun experience.”

He said that “as soon as we

put out our reels, we started getting catches. The first two were small, but then the next one was like, a very big fish... And then five minutes after that, there was another one—8 lbs less, but it’s the second best one... We learned how to just reel in the fist and how to... put in less power so you don’t get tired when you’re reeling in the fish.”

The other boats that joined the derby were *Bella*, captained by Associate Justice Perry Inos; *Botin Saba*, captained by James Roberto; *Mako*, captained by Jeffro Elliot; Orion, captained by Fonzi; *Reel Nasty*, captained by Vince Tudell, *Salty Bandits*, captained by Masaki Kitami, and *Y-Not*, captained by Alex Castro Jr.

The TTT Student Mini-Derby is an event held at the end of every school year for TTT’s second-year students. The students were from the school year 2021-2022 as the original date had to be postponed due

Before the open men’s 8K, women’s 6K, and 5K fun run for everyone, the morning started off with the Gecko 5000 races which included elementary school, middle school, and high school categories.

The rest of the race results will be published in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune*.

The race was sanctioned by Northern Marianas Athletics, the Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association, and the CNMI PSS Athletics Department.

Gold level sponsors for the race are Fish and Tackle, Moylan’s Insurance, Hei Café, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Chung-A Juny & Lya. Silver sponsors are Aca Corps, Happy Market, Athletes Foot, Joeten SuperStore, Casa de Song, Marpac and bronze sponsors are, City Trust Bank, E-Land, The Water Company, Smile Marianas, Run Saipan, JP World Corp., Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc., Himawari, and Brabu Pharmacy.

to pandemic. They were taken out to the water by volunteer boat captains to experience trolling. In the internet’s definition, trolling means to “fish with a baited line along behind a boat.”

Prior to the derby on Thursday, Sept. 8, TTT officers met with captains to go over rules and distribute gas stipends and on Friday, Sept. 9, captains were paired up with students, teams came together and connected with each other over dinner.

A mini derby for Tinian and Rota students was held on June 11.

The sponsors for the derby were Fishing Tackle and Sporting Goods, Marianas Pacific Distributors Inc (Mar-Pac), Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, Gold’s Gym, Great Harvest Bread Co., Surf Club, KKMP, Julie’s Catering, UR Rentals, Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

prizes, including longest drive (male and female), accurate drive, aggressive drive, and four chances for nearest to the pin. Showtime on tournament day is 6am and the tournament will have a shotgun start 7am. The tournament format is Black Jack Double Peoria. The

awards banquet and raffle will immediately follow the tournament at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

For more information, contact Tournament Chairman Juko Ishikawa at [worldresort@pticom.com](mailto:worldresort@pticom.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/HANMI670](http://www.facebook.com/HANMI670). (PR)

## TORCHBEARERS

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Head coach for both Agape Christian School’s varsity and JV team, En Yang Pang, was glad that the Torchbearers were able to pull off the win.

“I feel like the second set against MHS was a little tight... I wanted to give some of my subs a chance to learn how to play the game because the first team for the junior varsity, they have the basics down... so it was a little close. I want to respect MHS, obviously, because they are a good team, so I just needed to put my starters back in order to finish out the game. It’s also a test of mentality. It’s something that I was teaching the girls—something like mentality is what gets you across the line when your physical ability is equal,” he said.

When asked about the season starting, he said he was “very happy because we missed last year so we definitely are gearing up, excited to play this year. We’re excited to show everyone on the island what we have been practicing, training for and here we are.”

Jiahui Chen, Zixuan Chen, Mary Fu, Xiuying Huang, Yuhon Lin, Jingyi Wang, Zining Wang, Saiwen Wu, Yason Zhang, Mieja Zhao, and Ruishi Zhu make up the ACS’ junior varsity roster.

In the adjacent north court, the game between Grace Christian Academy and Saipan International School junior varsity teams rolled out as well, with GCA claiming the win 21-7, 21-9.

Over in the second series

of games in the afternoon, the varsity teams took to the court. Mount Carmel School’s varsity team conquered a strong ACS varsity team in three sets, with the final set score of 15-7.

ACS stumbled in the first set, losing with a close final score of 19-21, but came back in the second set, 21-13. However, MCS bounced back in the third and final set to win their first game of the season.

In the last game pitting Grace Christian Academy against Kagman High School varsity teams, GCA came up with the win in two sets, 21-6, 21-14.

In Day 1 of the new season, the Saipan Southern High School junior varsity team defeated MHS 9’s junior varsity in three exciting sets, 21-11, 17-21, 15-11.

The other JV game played between KHS and MCS was controlled by MCS, winning in only two sets, 21-11, 21-15.

In the varsity games played after, the SSHS and GCA varsity teams played, with GCA winning after two sets.

And finally, Saipan International School varsity team beat home team MHS varsity team in two sets, 21-18, 21-14.

Currently in the junior varsity standings, ACS JV, SSHS JV, MCS JV, and GCA JV are all 1-0, while MHS 9, KHS JV, SIS JV, and MHS are 0-1.

In the varsity standings, GCA is on top at 2-0, with SIS and MCS both at 1-0. SSHS, KHS, and ACS are all at 0-1.

The Public School System Girls High School Volleyball League 2022-2023 is being held with help from the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association.

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| MLB STANDINGS           |    |    |      |     |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE         |    |    |      |     |
| East Division           |    |    |      |     |
|                         | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| New York                | 84 | 56 | .600 |     |
| Tampa Bay               | 78 | 59 | .569 | 4½  |
| Toronto                 | 78 | 60 | .565 | 5   |
| Baltimore               | 73 | 66 | .525 | 10½ |
| Boston                  | 68 | 72 | .486 | 16  |
| Central Division        |    |    |      |     |
| Cleveland               | 72 | 65 | .526 |     |
| Chicago                 | 72 | 68 | .514 | 1½  |
| Minnesota               | 69 | 69 | .500 | 3½  |
| Kansas City             | 56 | 84 | .400 | 17½ |
| Detroit                 | 54 | 85 | .388 | 19  |
| West Division           |    |    |      |     |
| Houston                 | 89 | 50 | .640 |     |
| Seattle                 | 78 | 61 | .561 | 11  |
| Los Angeles             | 61 | 78 | .439 | 28  |
| Texas                   | 59 | 79 | .428 | 29½ |
| Oakland                 | 50 | 90 | .357 | 39½ |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE         |    |    |      |     |
| East Division           |    |    |      |     |
| New York                | 88 | 52 | .629 |     |
| Atlanta                 | 87 | 52 | .626 | ½   |
| Philadelphia            | 77 | 62 | .554 | 10½ |
| Miami                   | 57 | 81 | .413 | 30  |
| Washington              | 49 | 91 | .350 | 39  |
| Central Division        |    |    |      |     |
| St. Louis               | 82 | 58 | .586 |     |
| Milwaukee               | 74 | 66 | .529 | 8   |
| Chicago                 | 58 | 81 | .417 | 23½ |
| Cincinnati              | 56 | 81 | .409 | 24½ |
| Pittsburgh              | 51 | 87 | .370 | 30  |
| West Division           |    |    |      |     |
| Los Angeles             | 95 | 43 | .688 |     |
| San Diego               | 77 | 63 | .550 | 19  |
| San Francisco           | 66 | 73 | .475 | 29½ |
| Arizona                 | 65 | 73 | .471 | 30  |
| Colorado                | 61 | 79 | .436 | 35  |
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## Talbot, Spaeth top 8K and 6K courses

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Chase Talbot and Robyn Spaeth heralded the start of cross country season by topping the open division races of Saipan International School's Gecko 5000 held last Saturday from Banzai Cliff in Marpi.

In the tough and competitive men's 8K course, Talbot gave justice to his first name by crossing the finish line first in 37:13. Sildrey Valoria was right at his heels with a 37:18, while third place went to barefoot runner Chong Nam Lee with a time of 41:42.

In the also tough open women's 6K race, Spaeth won first place with a time of 34:29, Ann Bang came in second place in 38:52, while Pam Walsh came in third with a 40:42.

The 32-year-old Talbot,

who hails from Utah and has lived on Saipan for only a month and a half, conquered the competition because he was "used to the hills" as it was his "sweet spot" and it was "fun doing the hills... and the nice coast on the bottom, so it was fun. It was a good time."

Talbot also said that the race itself "was great. It was nice to be outside and get to see Banzai [Cliff]. It was beautiful; it was really hot, [but] I felt good about the race."

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LAO ZHANG

Chase Talbot, left, and Robyn Spaeth in action during the open division races of Saipan International School's Gecko 5000 held last Saturday from Banzai Cliff in Marpi.

## Torchbearers prevail over MHS in junior varsity battle

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After missing the whole of last season, Agape Christian School stepped onto the court with the vengeance, as its junior varsity team struck down home team Marianas High School's junior varsity in the second playdate of the Public School System Girls High School Volleyball League 2022-2023 last Thurs-

day in the always hot and humid Marianas High School Gymnasium.

ACS overpowered a decidedly pro-Lady Dolphins crowd and defeated MHS JV in two sets, claiming superiority and drawing first blood in the first set, 21-10. They showed it wasn't a fluke when they repulsed MHS JV's best efforts to try and force a third set by beating them in a nail-biter second set, 23-21

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LEIGH GASES

An Agape Christian School junior varsity player returns the ball as her teammates look on during their game against Marianas High School in the Public School System Girls High School Volleyball League 2022-2023 last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

## Carmelita II wins 2022 TTT Student Mini-Derby

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Carmelita II won the Tasi to Table Student Mini-Derby after catching a 28.4-lb wahoo last Saturday in the waters off Saipan.

A total of 11 boats and 27 Saipan students participated in the derby, with captain Chief Justice Alexandro Castro of the *Carmelita II* boat leading the pack with the heaviest catch of the derby.

Second place went to the boat *Homegrown*, captained by Benny Gonzales from Tinian, with a catch of 19.2-lb wahoo. Gonzales was recognized during the awards for making the time to come

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Marianas High School student Alexander Go Yamaguchi Camacho poses with *Carmelita II*'s winning wahoo during last Saturday's Tasi to Table Student Mini-Derby.